Stourbridge
CHRONICLE

Thursday, February 11, 2016 | Read by more than 57,000 people | Price when sold 60p

SPORTS CLASH OVER NEW PITCH

Report by David Callaghan

COUNCIL bosses have defended their decision to force hockey teams out of Dudley's The Dell Stadium because football is more popular.

Dudley Council has announced plans for a £500,000 synthetic 3G floodlit football pitch at the Brockmoor stadium, with a submission going to the Football Foundation.

It will see Dudley Ladies Hockey Club and Kingswinford Hockey Club, who have used The Dell for more than 30 years, looking for a new base as the 3G pitch is not suitable for hockey. The 3G pitch is not permitted for league use by the All England Hockey Association.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said football clubs use The Dell nearly seven times more than hockey clubs throughout the week.

"Hockey clubs train on the site for three hours a week and play one or two games each Saturday, while football clubs use the existing facilities for over 20 hours each week," he said.

"This is a difficult situation where we have to balance the need for investing in the site in sports which are most popular there, and helping sports teams who may be affected by the proposal.

"We are continuing to work with the local hockey clubs to make sure they are catered for elsewhere in the borough.

"We want to take every opportunity to invest in our sports facilities wherever possible, in line with our commitment to help people lead happy and healthy lives.

Invest

"This proposal will invest in a sport which is very popular at the Dell Stadium by improving the playing surface which will attract significantly more clubs.

He added: "The new facility would increase levels of use significantly, as both training and matches for all age groups can be accommodated on the third generation pitch and the likelihood of postponement of games is limited."

But Dudley Ladies Hockey Club chairman Sharon Mason said the club felt 'very let down' by the council's decision, and is planning to hold further meetings with the council and England Hockey, hockey's governing body.

She said: "We are angry that they want to pull up the pitch and jeopardise the future of two clubs.

"Dudley Ladies has been going 35 years and had a successful hockey recruitment drive in September which was very successful.

"I myself have been playing 26 years for the club and just hope that with support we can find a suitable pitch to relocate to."

Council chiefs have said there are potential alternative sites for the hockey teams, some as little as three miles away from the stadium.

RUSSIA HONOURS VETERAN OF THE ARCTIC CONVOYS

Ted Nock, from Wollaston, has received the Ushakov Medal for his role in the Arctic convoys that kept Russia supplied during the Second World War

DECKS covered in ice, waves so tall you could not see their tops and the sinking of a ship with the loss of more than 90 comrades. These were among the experiences of Ted Nock during the Second World War.

The 92-year-old took part in the Arctic convoys, ships which were described by Sir Winston Churchill as taking on 'the worst journey in the world'.

Mr Nock was part of the crew on HMS Cotton, a Royal Navy frigate that escorted shipping taking supplies to Russia – and now their bravery has been recognised by Russian President Vladimir Putin. The Arctic convoys had to contend with extremely low temperatures and constant threat from Nazi warships, aircraft and U-boats.

After surviving the mission Mr Nock was posted to the Pacific Ocean and was still at sea when the rest of the world was celebrating VE and then VJ Day.

Seventy one years after sailing in the Arctic, Mr Nock has finally been presented with a medal in recognition of his heroic service. He was unable to make it to London for the main presentation so instead a Russian Government representative made the trip to his home in Wollaston to personally hand him the Ushakov Medal.

"It's something I am very proud of," said Mr Nock.

He had been called up to serve in the Royal Navy in August 1943 having just turned 18. After training he eventually boarded HMS Cotton as part of the 19th Escort Group based at Liverpool and joined the Arctic convoys, as a stoker and engineer. He witnessed the sinking of HMS Goodall after it was torpedoed with the loss of more than 90 men.

ACCIDENT

Injured rider, 16, is named by police

POLICE have named a teenage moped rider left in a critical condition after a traffic accident in Rowley Regis.

Declan Osborne, aged 16, was knocked over by a Honda Civic in Macmillan Road, on January 30. The driver left the scene before police arrived. A 24-year-old man was arrested last week and released on bail until March 30.

Declan's family said in a statement: "We are devastated about what has happened. We would like to thank the people who helped Declan." Anyone with information should call West Midlands Police on 101.

PLANNING

Social club is saved from the bulldozers

A SOCIAL club has survived an attempt from a neighbouring supermarket to knock it down so it can extend its car park.

Halesowen Members Club had been a target for Lidl bosses who want to create more parking spaces for its Hagley Road store, which opened on a former garage site in 2008.

But Lidl has been knocked back by Dudley Council planners over concern that it could cause traffic problems on busy Hagley Road.

FAMILY

Activity group for parents and carers

PARENTS and carers of children with special educational needs can join a new group at Stourbridge Library.

There is no charge to join the group and at the first meeting this Saturday children will be able to make their own book to take home. There will also be a story time and opportunity to browse and borrow books on display from 10.15am.

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "I'm delighted that we have this new group which is a great way to meet with other families."

For more information contact Stourbridge Library on (01384) 812945.

INSIDE

TAKE A PEAKY AT MUSEUM

PAGE 13

CONTENTS

MARK ANDREWS	6
LETTERS	7
CLUBS	8
COMPETITION	9
THE FAST TICKET	17
PROPERTY	25
MOTORING	27
SPORT	43 & 44

CONTACT US

EDITORIAL:
Tel: 01384 353201/01384 353205
E-mail: dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

SPORTS:
Tel: 01902 319453
E-mail: chron.sport@expressandstar.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHIC:
Tel: John Sambrooks 01902 319431

ADVERTISING: Sue Jones
Tel: 01384 399901
E-mail: sue.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

PROPERTY: Marguerita Finnegan
Tel: 01902 319627
E-mail: marguerita.finnegan@expressandstar.co.uk

MOTORING: Liz Barratt
Tel: 01384 353244
E-mail: liz.barratt@expressandstar.co.uk

CLASSIFIED:
Tel: 01902 317878
E-mail: my-classified@expressandstar.co.uk

DISTRIBUTION: Paul Jones
Tel: 01902 319990

Stourbridge CHRONICLE

51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES
Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
www.yourchronicle.com

Time is running out for Hippodrome

CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to do what they can to convince council chiefs a business plan to save Dudley Hippodrome from the bulldozer is viable.

It comes after council chiefs rejected the latest scheme aimed at saving the Castle Hill venue.

A new steering group had been set up with members from the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group plus new supporters and industry experts.

The group has been given to the end of February to address the council's concerns.

Dudley Council said it will continue to push ahead with plans to knock down the building and replace it with a public square, with a planning application due to be submitted in the summer.

The authority rejected the latest business plan following advice from consultants who believed that it remained 'unviable' after it was found to lack detail on market analysis, funding plans and operational issues such as staffing levels.

A statement from the steering group said: "It is good to see that the council have kept the door open for us to revise the business plan." But Friends supporter Gaz Sawers, who performs under the name Black Country Gaz, says he was disappointed at the council's 'negative' stance.

"What is really disappointing to me is that although the council have give the group more time they have still stated that they are going to be bulldozing it," he said. "That is really negative and doesn't help. Dudley Council is just pulling the curtains down on Dudley's music and entertainment heritage."

Last year the council sought alternative plans for the site, with a deadline by the end of the year. Despite several early expressions of interest, only one business plan was received to run the venue. But council officials say an independent consultant found 'significant gaps in the information provided'.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Pete Lowe, said: "My door will continue to be open for any viable suggestions."

Aldi supermarket is given the thumbs up

SUPERMARKET giant Aldi will press ahead with plans to build a new shop in Lye, creating 80 jobs, after councillors gave the scheme the green light.

The supermarket will be built on the former site of the well-known Bronx works in Dudley Road.

Councillors approved the plans,which also include a car park with 120 spaces, after receiving more than 100 letters of support from residents.

At a meeting Councillor David Vickers described the new supermarket as a 'great facility for Lye'.

While Councillor Keiran Casey said: "This land needs to be refurbished.

"And the proposals have had a lot of support from local people as well as the backing of Dudley council.

"In my opinion, it is only bringing positives to Lye, in the fact that a good number of jobs are being created and as a supermarket in the area, it will boost the economy."

Deputy Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Mohammed Hanif has also welcomed the support for the supermarket and said he hopes it can be a 'catalyst for the town.'

Thriving

He said: "Lye has been looking for a major store to come in for a number of years. This is a piece of land that was not going to be used for much else.

"It also does not affect Lye High Street which we want to ensure is kept thriving.

The council had received objections to the store over traffic and access for neighbouring businesses. Also, more than 80 people turned out to view the multi-million pound plans at a consultation event in April last year.

The plans went on display for members of the public at Lye Town Football Club on Stourbridge Road. Feedback was then used by the developer to submit a planning application.

Aldi is soon starting work on creating a supermarket on the site of the former King Arthur Pub, off Birmingham New Road, in Dudley.

Plans have also been revealed by the firm for a store to be built in Great Barr, which would create around 40 jobs.

First look at new flamingo home

An artist's impression of the new Flamingo Falls exhibit, one of several projects at Dudley Zoo

DUDLEY Zoo has revealed the first look at its new Flamingo Falls exhibit – one of three enclosures in line for a revamp costing £200,000.

The existing flamingo enclosure is being enhanced to create a much bigger pool and a larger indoor area with a viewing area.

Bosses at the Castle Hill attraction have also revealed details of major work to develop the home for its breeding group of gelada baboons.

The third project is to create an interactive walk-through exhibit where visitors can feed dozens of yellow-backed chattering lorikeets, birds which are vulnerable in the wild.

Easter

Work is now under way on Flamingo Falls – the largest of the three enclosures being revamped – and it is expected to open by Easter. A colourful sign has been designed by the zoo's graphic designer, Rachel Lane.

During the first month of 2016, 4,504 visitors came through the turnstiles of the 40-acre site – 189 more than last year. They were the best January figures for five years and probably boosted by the free return ticket deal during January and February.

The £40,000 scheme to extend the baboon enclosure includes transforming a former shop into a walk-in viewing area. The paddock will be extended up the bank to provide more grazing area.

Mother who left children alone in flat is released

A MOTHER who was jailed after leaving her two young children home alone while she went to work will be released after winning an appeal.

The 24-year-old, from Dudley who cannot be named for legal reasons, left the children alone in her flat for eight hours.

When the alarm was raised, they were found in a state of 'chaos', the Court of Appeal heard. A three-year-old was naked and covered in paint, while his one-year-old sister did not have a nappy and had no access to milk.

The mother said she had expected a friend to look after the kids, but had been let down and had to leave them.

She pleaded guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court to two counts of child cruelty and was jailed for 24 weeks in December. However, after an appeal by her lawyers, her sentence was reduced to 16 weeks, meaning she was due for release last week.

"There was no evidence of any long-term harm," said Mrs Justice Thirlwall.

"On the contrary, the children were, at the time of the offence, healthy and well cared for. There was real remorse and real regret for what she had done."

The court heard the mother had left the children around midday last March and did not return until the evening. A workman in the block had become concerned about noises from inside the flat.

The children, who were unharmed, had since been taken in by another member of the family, but the mother had regular contact, the judge said.

Housing drop-in sessions launch

A HOUSING support drop-in session has been launched at Kates Hill following success in other Dudley borough areas.

Dudley Council's housing services provides a free housing support drop-in service, which is available to anyone who needs assistance to maintain their independence. Issues can range from budgeting to benefits.

The new session is being held every Monday at 13 Cromwell Street, Kates Hill, from 10am until noon.

Details of other sessions held throughout the borough are available at www.dudley.gov.uk or by calling (01384) 812504.

Councillor Gaye Partridge said: "We ensure as many residents have access to the free service as possible."

Applications for mortgages are up

THE Tipton and Coseley Building Society has revealed that processed mortgage applications increased by 14 per cent last year.

They were up to £71.7 million for 2015 with mortgage completions up three per cent to more than £52m.

Able & Family Run Bromley Carpets / Beds Est since 1978
SOFAS, VINYLS AND LAMINATES
WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T.
Help move heavy furniture, up lift plus take away old carpets FREE OF CHARGE
Shave doors. Bed assemble and disposal.
DISABLED? OAP? CAN'T GET OUT?
or anyone who just needs extra help!
Can't come to us, we'll come to YOU
We will bring 100s of carpet samples sofa and bed brochures to your door
Samantha Sofa 3+2 Fabric Sofas only £500
Heavy Domestic Saxony's from £6.99 sq yd was £14.99
Lola Leather Suite 3 + 2 Recliner in Black or Brown £699
Divan Beds Singles from £92 Double from £142
Bleach cleanable carpets from £3.99 sq yd
UP TO 75% OFF 100's of rolls and end of rolls in store at knockdown prices WE WILL BEAT YOUR BIG SUPERSTORE
Click on-line for many great prices - www.ablecarpets.co.uk
Terms & conditions apply
Free quotes and Planning
Warehouse Unit, D Dormston Trading Est., Burton Road, Gornal DY1 3TD
OPEN: MON-SAT 9.30-5.00
Quarry Bank • Lye • Wollescote • Kinver • Stourbridge • Pedmore • Brierley Hill • Wordsley
OPEN SUNDAYS 10am-3pm
WE ARE HERE
FREEPHONE 0800 0853747
COVERS ALL AREAS
Adrian Bromley 01902 880541

Kitchens to suit all budgets
A beautiful range of kitchens from modern style with Corian worktops and moulded sinks, to more traditional styles with granite worktops and Belfast sinks
Sale NOW ON
Over 30 years of experience in the design and installation of quality kitchen furniture
Also available: replacement doors, worktops, sinks and appliances
FITTED KITCHEN SPECIALISTS
VISIT OUR SHOWROOM WE HAVE 12 STYLES OF KITCHENS ON DISPLAY
AJL DESIGN
155 Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge
01384 443432
www.ajldesign.co.uk

Broken Dentures?
1 hour denture repair service Est. 1981
The Dental Shop
Emergency Denture Repairs
Daytime 01384 413444
Out of hours 07701 067261
201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, B64 6HE

FOOTWORKS Chiropody Clinic
• Full range of services with disabled friendly access
• Nail Cutting and Trimming
• Diabetic Footcare
• Corns and Calluses
01384 413444
201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill B64 6HE
www.footworkschiropodists.co.uk

Senior Muslim cleric will talk at UKIP conference

UKIP'S inaugural West Midlands party conference will feature a speech by a Muslim cleric.

Aqeel Ahmad, an imam at the Baitul Ghafoor Mosque in Halesowen, will talk on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association – AMA – at the event in Wolverhampton.

The event at Dunstall Park racecourse on February 20 will also feature UKIP party leader Nigel Farage, who is set to lay out the case for Britain leaving the EU at a Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy group meeting following the conference.

The party's national disability spokesperson Councillor Star Anderton and Nathan Garrbutt of LGBT UKIP will also deliver presentations.

West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge said the range of speakers was 'one in the eye' for anyone accusing the party of bigotry.

"We are looking closely at what UKIP should stand for and inclusiveness is certainly something that we want to push," added Mr Etheridge, who is also set to deliver a conference speech.

"As a party we want to highlight the proud traditions of our region and show that there is no place for bigotry and intolerance under our banner. UKIP has an inclusive side that a lot of people probably don't recognise."

Wasim Shah, outreach coordinator for the West Birmingham Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, said the group would use the conference to promote the 'true teaching' of Islam as part of its campaign against extremism.

Pub landlord's play area offer

A PUB landlord and a councillor are working together to bring back into use a children's play area in Wordsley which has become an eyesore

UKIP councillor Paul Brothwood is supporting George Fox, landlord of the High Acres pub on Madeley Road, in his bid to lease the play area from Dudley Council, revamp it and open it again for the children to play in.

The council closed the site some years ago and it has become overgrown.

Councillor Brothwood said: "I welcome this move and it's a great gesture by George. Anyone who knows that park can see it is a terrible eyesore. With George's offer of leasing the park off the council, he would almost be doing them a favour."

Ballroom dances at college hall

BALLROOM dancing sessions will take place on this and next Saturday at Dudley College's Broadway campus, in the college's Great Hall from 8pm to 11.30pm. Call Fiona Bennett on (01384) 243451 for details.

Ex-head admits to indecent pictures

Ross Workman

A FORMER headteacher from Stourbridge has admitted making indecent images of children. Ross Workman had more than 500 pictures and videos on his computer's hard drive, court documents revealed.

The 51-year-old pleaded guilty to six counts of making an indecent photograph or pseudo-photograph of a child at a brief hearing last week.

Workman, formerly of Stourbridge but now of Low Fold Close, Worcester, appeared before Dudley magistrates, speaking only to confirm his address and his date of birth.

The disgraced headteacher, who was previously of good character, was arrested by detectives from the force's Online Child Sexual Exploitation Team in November 2014.

He was immediately suspended from his role at Oldswinford CE Primary School and letters were sent home to parents.

Police said there was no evidence regarding pupils at the school arising as part of the investigation.

Court documents revealed Workman's hard drive contained 440 still images and 92 moving images. Forty still images and 48 moving were in category A – the most serious – with 80 still images and 34 moving images in category B, and 320 still and 10 moving in category C.

Workman, who was wearing a pinstripe grey suit, light shirt and purple tie, will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on March 2.

Miss Melanie Hughes, prosecuting, said: "On November 3, 2014 officers from the Online Child Sex Exploitation Team executed a search warrant at Mr Workman's home address. At the time Mr Workman was the head of Oldswinford Primary School. His computer equipment was handed over to the police and contained indecent images of children. Mr Workman didn't contest the contents, saying it was him alone who had access to the computer."

£31m music institute is proposed for Waterfront

PLANS for a £31 million music college at The Waterfront in Brierley Hill, creating more than 130 jobs, have been unveiled.

The campus could open its doors to students as early as September 2017 if a feasibility study proves successful.

If given approval, the ground-breaking not-for-profit institute, which has been backed by the music industry, will offer places for around 600 degree and 115 postgraduate students.

The campus would include a lecture theatre, classrooms, practise rooms, a library, recording studios, an independent radio station, a sound and light control room, a live music venue, a retail outlet, bar and student accommodation.

Dudley Council has backed the project in the hope it will kick-start the regeneration of the whole Waterfront area.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and economic development, said: "This is a very exciting development for Dudley and I am delighted the music institute have chosen to invest in Brierley Hill and create a state-of-the-art venue for some of the country's top music students.

"This will have a huge positive impact on the local economy and will bring hundreds of students to the area."

Investment

The project is looking for funding from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, with the rest of the money from private investment. Bosses say discussions are still ongoing as to which of the existing Waterfront buildings could be used.

In addition to its degree students, the institute would look to forge close links with community groups, further education providers and charities.

As a not-for-profit venture, any money made would be reinvested back into the institute.

More than 130 jobs are expected to be created by the project, which is being led by a consortium of music industry experts, educators and employers.

David Barnard, previously director of education at Roland UK, is tasked with leading the institute as its principal and chief executive officer.

He said: "Our long-term vision is to create a music village or campus, with the institute at its heart, driving innovation, enterprise and research that will be recognised globally."

Mixed feelings over market plan

Sam McCrone, who runs Jewellery Inspired in the Ryemarket Shopping Centre, is planning to fight the market

'THE High Street is going to be hit really hard.' Those are the words of a Stourbridge trader concerned over plans for a new weekly market in the town centre.

However, other business owners say they are all for the new market, saying it will increase football in the town.

High Street and part of Market Street would shut every Thursday under proposals by market operator LSD Promotions.

The first market could be held as early as April.

The scheme has been met with mixed reaction in the town. Some shop bosses claim the loss of parking spaces and competition from the stallholders could hit them hard. While others say it will bring more shoppers to the town centre.

Sam McCrone, who runs Jewellery Inspired in the Ryemarket Shopping Centre, is planning to fight it. He said: "Many retailers can't take the impact of somebody selling the same items at a fraction of the cost. The High Street is going to be hit really hard."

Angela Rae, who runs The Photo Expert on High Street, was concerned about loss of parking outside the shop, but added: "I like the idea of going back to a market town. Ideally I would like a two-week trial to see if it is going to work."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Candidates ready for by-elections

CANDIDATES in by-elections in two Dudley wards have been announced.

St James' and Kingswinford North & Wall Heath will be going to the polls on February 25.

Labour are hoping to keep the St James seat and have chosen Kathryn Baton, while Wayne Sullivan will contest the seat for the Conservatives and Graeme Lloyd stands for UKIP. In Kingswinford North & Wall Heath, Edward Lawrence aims to hold the seat for Conservatives. Lynn Boleyn (Labour), Mick Forsyth (UKIP) and Andi Mohr (Green) are also standing.

Revived pub has won two awards

A HALESOWEN pub that once faced being converted into a supermarket is celebrating a double award.

The Swan in Long Lane has been voted the Stourbridge and Halesowen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale's pub of the year. Members have also voted it area cider pub of the year.

The pub was saved by Black Country Ales after thousands of residents signed petitions to keep it open. The Pensnett-based pub company restored the pub after buying it in September 2013. Licensees Paul Hicks and Liz Rogers took over last year.

Swap shop to share and recycle

A SWAP shop for recycling and sharing will be taking place in Stourbridge on Saturday.

It will be held at Friends Meeting House on February 13 and will run from 3 to 5pm, organised by community group Transition Stourbridge.

Unwanted items can be brought to be swapped, shared and reused.

For more information about the swap shop or group, visit transitions tourbridge.co.uk or call (01384) 351414.

Driver and passenger hurt as van hits tree

TWO men were taken to hospital after a van crashed into a tree near Hagley last week.

Emergency crews were called to the A456 near the Badgers Sett pub after a van had been involved in a collision with a car and hit a tree shortly after 8am on February 3.

The male driver suffered a head injury while a teenage passenger suffered minor injuries, West Midlands Ambulance Service said. The driver of the other car was not injured.

Archive coffee morning

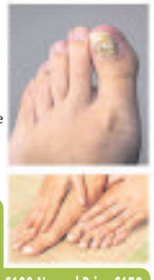
THE Friends of Dudley Archives and Local History Centre has a fundraising coffee morning planned for later this month.

It is being held at the centre in Tipton Road on Saturday, February 20, from 11am to 2pm and will also include craft stalls.

It's time to put your foot down on fungal nail infection!

Research shows that laser treatment is a safe and effective procedure, with some studies reporting a success rate of up to 90% at three months!

By using advanced medical lasers that penetrate into the nail bed we can now treat and cure your fungal nail infection. It is now possible to get amazing results.



Our Introductory Offer

One Hand / Foot Offer price £100 Normal Price £150

Both Hands / Feet Offer price £150 Normal Price £200

58B South Road, Norton, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 3YB

Call us: 01384 824039 email us: info@tejandco.co.uk

visit us at: www.tejandco.co.uk

GASWAY Ltd.

Est 1976

For complete peace of mind and a friendly service, why not visit Gasway in Lower High Street, Stourbridge DY8 1TA. 01384 372246

Open since 1976 Gasway has been your first choice for Gas Fires, Surrounds, Cookers and much more, all at competitive prices.

Why not visit Dave, Jon and the team today for FREE expert advice and quotes.

- Cookers Supplied and Fitted
- Gas Fires and Fire Surrounds
- Electric Fires and Fire suites
- Servicing Spare Parts
- Central Heating Systems Supplied and Fitted
- Fire Guards / Companion Sets
- All at competitive Prices

- Free standing gas stoves
- Natural gas or lpg
- Can be fitted into class 1, class 2 and pre cast flues
- Flue and venting options
- Manual control with integral ignition
- Log fuel bed
- Up to 78% efficient
- 3.6k output

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IF you believe some reports, viewers were shocked at the naked soldiers in the lake-bathing scene in War & Peace (BBC1). I suspect the biggest shock was the effect of freezing cold water on the male equipment. It can seriously shrivel your tolstoys.

I RAISED this question a few days ago: how many of today's 21-year-old graduates could pass the 11-plus? A reader obligingly digs out an 11-plus maths paper from the 1950s with the question: "Subtract two-thirds of 834 from 23 times 185". Moving swiftly on . . . .

WRITER Jane Shilling laments the rise of IKEA-type minimalism and the demise of brown furniture like her sturdy old wardrobe with labels for "costumes" and "blouses." I was suddenly reminded of the brown wardrobe my parents bought when I was about six. The labelled compartments included one marked "sundries." For more years than I feel comfortable to admit, I assumed these were clothes that could be dried in the sun.

ANYONE surprised at the news that some of Britain's biggest companies, including Sainsbury's, Travis Perkins and the Football Association, have shared £5 million of taxpayers' money in order to install energy-saving bulbs? Me neither. In the same way, those big, flashy electric 4x4 vehicles, eagerly snapped up by the wealthy, are subsidised by taxpayers. As always, it's the rich wot gets the pleasure and the poor wot gets the blame.

TERRY Wogan, the most famous Irishman in Britain, was broadcasting throughout the 30 years of the so-called Troubles when bombs and bullets claimed 3,000 lives. When things got really nasty, notably after the 1974 Birmingham Pub Bombings, his gentle Irish accent was a precious daily reminder of the inseparable ties and the great affection between two close and tolerant nations. Wogan never mentioned the Troubles on air but when it was all over, he joked about receiving "the odd death threat" and explained: "Things being done in the name of Irish freedom were not being done by me or anyone I knew."

TRANSPORT for London (TfL) has issued its annual tally of lost property left behind on trains and buses. Umbrellas, wallets, laptops and other small things are among the 300,000 items. The real puzzle is finding several drum kits. How does anyone who boards a bus carrying a bass drum, snare drum, pedal, cymbal and a pair of tom-toms manage to leave without them? And what of his fellow travellers? As the drummer prepares to step off, does no-one say: "Oi, mate! Isn't that your drum kit?" It is all very puzzling.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Garage sites chosen for council housing

AROUND 350 new homes will be built in a Black Country borough over the next five years, with affordable housing to feature in the new developments.

The £18 million plan by Dudley Council will see the homes built mainly on the sites of small blocks of garages.

The initial three garage sites involved are Ketley Hill Road, Dudley, Lea Bank Road, Netherton, and Marley Road, Kingswinford.

The construction of new council homes as part of the scheme is now underway on sites in Sedgley, Woodsetton, Wollaston and Coseley.

Housing boss Councillor Gaye Partridge said: "Eight apartments and two houses to be built at Lea Bank Road will be affordable housing for local people.

"They are part of a council new build programme to provide 350 new homes over the next five years on a number of sites throughout the borough.

"We are currently considering a local lettings plan which could see homes let to people recovering from mental ill heath. Many people in every community suffer from mental ill health at some point in their lives, and recover with the help and support of those around them.

"As a community council we are committed to consultation. We want to know the new residents will be made welcome, so we want to hear people's views on the proposals. A few people locally have already expressed their views and these will be fully considered before any decision is made."

Burglary arrest figures 'scandalous', says MEP

By Peter Madeley

WEST Midlands Police has the lowest arrest rates for burglary of any police force in the country, new figures have revealed.

In 2014/15 the force made just seven arrests for every 100 burglaries reported, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS). It puts the region well below the national average of 14 arrests per 100 break-ins.

West Midlands Police (WMP) also failed to solve 90.5 per cent of burglaries in the year ending March 2014, the Home Office says.

It puts WMP as fifth worst of the UK's 43 police forces in terms of burglary clearance rates, in a period when the West Midlands was the tenth worst-hit area for burglaries.

The figures have been described as 'scandalous' by West Midlands UKIP Euro MP Bill Etheridge.

Priorities

Mr Etheridge, who is also a Sedgley councillor, has called on the police and crime commissioner to investigate the arrest rate.

"It is absolutely scandalous that so many burglaries are going unsolved," he said. "This appallingly low arrest rate shows that burglary is not at the top of their priorities.

"We keep hearing that crime is going down. Maybe reported crime has gone down but that is because people have got to the point where they don't have any faith in the police to bring criminals to justice."

But West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "Crime in the West Midlands is much lower than in other urban areas. Also we have a better record of detection of burglaries than other similar forces.

"By making efficiencies I have put resources where they matter most. Those tough decisions have enabled me to protect PCSOs from redundancy and crucially put the funds in place to complete the recruitment of 450 police officers by the end of this financial year."

Zoo proposes ladies should leap in

Ladies are being encouraged to stick their neck out and pop the question to their partners at the zoo on February 29

LOVED-UP ladies are being encouraged to stick their neck out and pop the question to their partners at Dudley Zoo this leap year.

Staff have put together a special meet-and-greet package for February 29 by offering couples a close-encounter animal experience.

It is hoped that a bit of animal magic could come into play to encourage the ladies to get down on one knee and gents to say yes. The experience can happen with either giraffes, bats, lemurs, sea lions or tapirs to witness the romantic moment.

Andrea Hales, marketing manager, said: "It's a leap year which means it's traditional for the women to turn the tables and propose to their loved one on the 29th and where better than doing it among some of the world's rarest animals and really making it a date to remember."

Packages for the zoo experience start from £125 and include a bottle of bubbly and a bouquet of flowers.

According to the Irish tradition, women can propose to to men on the date which appears on the calender only once every four years. It is believed to have been introduced to balance the roles of men and women in a similar way to how Leap Day balances the calendar.

The Castle Hill attraction will also be offering Valentine's Day treats with gifts including animal adoptions and keeper-for-a-day experiences. Contact 0844 474 2272.

Air show's mayday is answered by a farmer

THE future of a fundraising air show which was in danger of folding after losing its venue has been secured after finding a new home.

Organisers of the popular Wings and Wheels shows were left devastated after bosses at Halfpenny Green Airport, Bobbington, pulled out of hosting the twice-yearly show.

A race against time was launched to find a new location in time for the Easter Wings and Wheels Air Day at the end of March.

Now they have landed a site near Bridgnorth to host the two-day event and further air shows.

Organiser Vaughan Meers said he was 'over the moon' after Roy Millington came offered the private airstrip on land at his farm at Chetton as an alternative location.

Visitors

Both shows, which raise thousands of pounds for charity, will go ahead under the new name, Bridgnorth Wings and Wheels.

Around 5,000 people flocked to last year's August bank holiday event which starred The Red Arrows and raised £9,000 for charity.

It was the Wings and Wheels' sixth consecutive year at Bobbington.

Mr Meers said they had been planning a special show at Halfpenny Greeen this year to mark its 75th anniversary as an airfield.

The show will take place at its new venue on March 27 and 28.

More than 1,350 homes are built

A WEST Midlands developer has revealed it built 1,356 homes across the region in the last year.

Barratt Developments – which includes both Barratt Homes West Midlands, based in Halesowen, and David Wilson Homes Mercia, based in Solihull – said the work supported 3,400 jobs directly and through its contractors and suppliers.

Bosses said 90 per cent of the materials used by the firm were manufactured in the UK.

Bernard Rooney, regional managing director, said: "We are proud to be a major force in the growth and prosperity of our region, and look forward to continuing our work in 2016."

Mr Rooney added that the homes were built between July 2014 and July 2015.

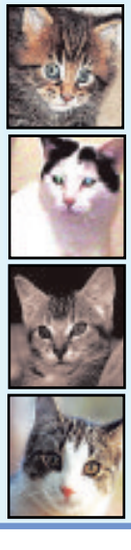
Trio bringing songs of the 1940s to museum

SINGING trio The D-Day Darlings will be performing at a Second World War themed event at the Black Country Living Museum.

The 26-acre Dudley museum site will be recreating the 1940s on July 16. For details call 0121 520 8054.

Est.1973
Wollaston Bathrooms Ltd
Before
After
Fully Fitted Bathrooms From £3000 inc VAT
900mm x 900mm Quadrant Tray and Shower Valve, W.C. Basin and Pedestal with Tap, 18 Sqm Wall Tiles + 3 Sqm Floor Tiles!
DISABILITY ADAPTIONS
"Adapting your bathroom for you."
A wide range of bath and showering options are available, all designed to make bathing and showering easier and safer for you.
"Save" you may be entitled to zero rated VAT
Visit our showroom
FREE No Obligation Survey and Quotation
Supply Only Service Available
Trade enquiries welcome
Proud members of Checkatrade.com
9 High Street Wollaston DY8 4NH
Tel: 01384 374237 or 0800 1582456
email:enquiries@wollastonbathrooms.ltd.uk
Open:
Monday-Friday 8.00am-5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-4.00pm

STOUR VALLEY CAT RESCUE
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 514904
STOUR VALLEY CAT RESCUE
TABLE TOP SALE
at
HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
10am - 12 noon
ADMISSION FREE
LOTS OF INTERESTING STALLS AND GREAT BARGAINS
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
Please come along and support us
For further information call Anita 01384 375832



Surgery's future is on agenda at meeting

A MEETING is to be held this month over the planned closure of a GP branch surgery.

The fate of Lower Gornal Medical Practice's Masefield Road surgery will be up for debate.

Masefield Road is the branch surgery of the main practice in Bull Street, Lower Gornal, a mile away.

Despite investment and a number of efforts being made, the practice feels that they are no longer in a position to offer equitable care across both sites.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Primary Care Commissioning Committee will consider the plans for the closure at a meeting in Himley Road Methodist Church on Friday, February 19.

Opinion is split over whether the surgery should remain open and patients handed in a 316-strong petition objecting to the closure.

The CCG says the practice feels that in order to provide the full range of medical services to its patients and for the services to remain viable they are proposing to close the branch.

Practice manager Lynn Britton said: "We look forward to the meeting that's being held on February 19 so we can hear the views of the public and the commissioning committee as well as getting across our own."

The meeting will take place at 1pm at Himley Road Methodist Church, Himley Road, Gornal Wood. If anyone has a question for the committee email them to Lindsey.Harding@dudleyccg.nhs.uk by February 15.

Driver crushed at depot is named

A LORRY driver who died at a delivery firm depot in Brierley Hill has been named as Leighton Jardine, aged 60, of Tithe Barn Road, Stafford.

He was crushed between a lorry and a trailer at Tuffnells Parcels Express on the The Wallows Industrial Estate, in Fens Pool Avenue, on January 22.

Coroner's investigator Russell Williams told an inquest at Sandwell Coroners Court last week that Mr Jardine received fatal injuries when he was trapped. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mr Williams confirmed post-mortem results have been recorded as crushing to the chest and abdomen. Senior Black Country coroner Mr Zafar Siddique adjourned the inquest until a hearing on March 16.

Robin gears up for vinyl offer

A RECORD and CD fair will be held at Bilston's Robin 2 on February 21.

Music fans can browse at stalls selling around 10,000 records at the event from 11am to 4pm. Admission £1. To reserve a table call 07866 237094.

New challenge for church campaigners

St John's Church at Kates Hill, Dudley

CAMPAIGNERS who won their battle to reopen a landmark church are facing a new challenge – obtaining insurance to allow them to step inside.

St John's Church Preservation Group plans to reopen the listed building in Kates Hill, Dudley, which has been empty for 14 years, for community use and worship.

But the group's bid has hit a fresh obstacle as it is struggling to get insurance to enable the building to be opened up to supporters and workers.

It was hoped members would be able to begin restoration work after finally agreeing a lease for the building last month. They also wanted to open the former church up to visitors to raise awareness as the project got under way.

But chairman Deb Brownlee said arranging an insurance policy was proving difficult, possibly because of the building being empty and because it would have multiple uses. Currently only the churchwarden is allowed access to the Victorian building.

She described the struggle to secure insurance as 'a major worry' but said she remained confident.

Mrs Brownlee added: "We are possibly pushing the boat out a bit by trying to get the building insured for immediate public access, albeit limited to behind a roped area at the entrance, but that is why people have supported the campaign for nine years — they want to see inside. We want them to see it, and then help us get the money together for the restoration work.

"After all the hoops we've had to jump through to get this far towards saving St John's, a bit of a blip over insurance is just one more hurdle."

Investigators hired to snoop on council staff

DUDLEY Council hired private investigators on more than 40 occasions in the last five years to spy on its own staff.

The authority spent more than £16,000 of public money to hire investigators between 2011 and 2015, figures released via a Freedom of Information request show.

In every instance they were tasked with compiling evidence relating to suspected fraudulent conduct by council employees. The total spent was £16,014.

Bosses say it is necessary to bring in 'professional services' to investigate allegations. Almost 60 per cent of the investigations in Dudley resulted in no evidence being obtained.

But union leaders at a regional level said they were concerned that the authority was using private investigators to snoop on staff, many of whom had 'done nothing wrong'.

They have now contacted the council to find out why so many investigations have been launched compared with other authorities.

Probe

A total of £9,153 was spent over the period on investigations that led to staff members being cleared of any wrongdoing, including a prolonged probe into one worker that cost the public purse £1,972. Also in 2015/15, another investigation costing £1,429 also found no evidence to support the allegation.

The authority says it uses surveillance 'to support internal resource'. Bosses refused to reveal the reasons why investigators were hired for individual cases. They declined to reveal how many cases resulted in prosecutions.

Philip Tart, strategic director for resources and transformation services at the council, said: "At times serious and complex allegations such as fraudulent conduct are made against staff which have to be investigated as a matter of urgency. This will on occasion require us to bring in professional services to carry out this work quickly."

Around one third of the UK's local authorities admit to having hired private investigators over the last five years. The vast majority of investigations against members of the public.

Keith Heron, of Unison, said: "We recognise that Dudley Council has a responsibility to safeguard the public's funds, but we are concerned that they are using private investigators to snoop on staff, who often, by the council's own standards, have done nothing wrong."

Heroes get awards at mayor's ball

Mayor and Mayoress of Dudley Councillor Steve and Jayne Waltho with a glitter ball and tickets for the event

UNSUNG community heroes will be the guests of the Mayor of Dudley at a charity ball next month.

The winners of the this year's Mayor's Civic Awards will be presented with their prizes on the same night.

The event will take place on March 18 at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill, from 6.45pm.

Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho said: "The Mayor's Ball is not only an opportunity to raise money for some very worthy causes, it's also a lot of fun. And for the first time, this year we will be celebrating the winners of the civic awards too.

"There will be music and dancing and an opportunity to learn more about my five chosen charities.

"I urge people to snap up their tickets early to avoid disappointment."

Tickets for the ball cost £35 which includes a three course meal, music and other entertainment. They are available by calling 01384 815211 or emailing Christine.Skelding@dudley.gov.uk

Meanwhile, people have until February 14 to put forward nominations for the civic awards. They can nominate online at www.dudley.gov.uk/civicawards or can pick up a nomination form from libraries and leisure centre.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New measures for better road safety

A CAMPAIGNER in Sedgley has secured funding from Dudley Council for road safety improvements on the Northway.

Damian Corfield has worked with Northway Action Group for Road for Road Safety, who have previously raised concerns about accidents on the road.

The funding will be used to install measures near Alder Coppice School, which will include flashing speed signs, road markings and a new crossing, as well as the creation of a new Speedwatch group.

Screening for film on a football hero

A FILM telling the life story of Dudley-born England and Manchester United and footballer Duncan Edwards will be screened at an fundraising event in his home town.

The gifted player, who died from injuries sustained in the Munich air disaster, is the subject of the documentary 'And Then Came Munich'.

It will be screened at the Cable Plaza Cafe, at The Waterfront, in Brierley Hill, on March 4, at 7pm with entrance costing £5. Money from the event will go towards the appeal to save Dudley Hippodrome.

Restrictions on roads by campus

PARKING restrictions are being brought in within weeks for roads near Halesowen College's main campus after the scheme was approved.

Residents had urged Dudley Council to tackle problem parking which blocked roads, including Newfield Crescent and Whittingham Road.

Waiting bays will be introduced in Whittingham Road, operating from 7am to 7pm, with a no-waiting restriction in place in Newfield Crescent between 10am and 11am, 2pm to 3pm.

Society will hear about history of the railways

THE history of the Black Country's railways will be explored during a talk at the Black Country Living Museum.

The Black Country Society are holding their next meeting on February 24 when the speaker will be society member Keith Hodgkins with a talk entitled 'Railways of The Black Country'.

It will be held at 7.30pm at the museum in Tipton Road, Dudley.

Non-members are welcome. Admission is £2 including refreshments. For further details call (01384) 873279.

Fair at Ruskin centre

A GLASS centre in Stourbridge is holding a spring fair later this month. The event at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Wollaston Road will run from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, February 27.

The centre has invited 10 guest artists to take part, as well as the resident glass and craft makers.

ADVERTISEMENT

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Brian Stanley feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118** and he'll be happy to help!

STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?

Don't replace the Frames... just the Panes!

Broken or Damaged Windows?
Faulty Hinges, Handles or Locks?
Want The Latest Energy Saving Glass?

All Glazing Backed By Our
5 Year Manufacturers Guarantee

cloudy 2 CLEAR WINDOWS
REPLACING YOUR FAILED DOUBLE GLAZING

Priority Freephone
0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

...we make saving money perfectly clear...

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Well Trump that! Adele is definitely radio no no

THE singer Adele has complained about Donald Trump using her music during his bid to secure the Republican nomination for The White House. Couldn't agree more, it is bad enough having to hear her turgid dirges on the radio.

❒❒❒

ANOTHER brilliant idea from the wacky world of local government. This time it's Hackney Council, which is planning to introduce £1,000 fines for vagrants sleeping in doorways. Good luck with enforcing that one. Let's hope they have their credit cards handy.

❒❒❒

MANY years ago, when I was more than a bit gullible and naive, I made a half-hearted attempt to haggle with a car salesman, asking him to knock £28 off the price of a car I was about to buy.

The salesman, who up until that moment had been demonstrating more patter than Jimmy Tarbuck, then returned from a cloak-and-dagger meeting with the sales manager, sadly shaking his head saying he could only give me £8 off 'plus a good tank of petrol'.

Which reminds me a bit of David Cameron's attempt to renegotiate Britain's membership of the European Union. He didn't ask for much, and they gave him slightly less than he asked for.

I bought the car anyway, and quickly grew to hate the sight of the thing when it kept blowing its head gasket. Would you be terribly surprised if the same turned out to be true for the new EU treaty?

❒❒❒

THE story goes that when Elvis Presley lived at Gracelands, only he was ever allowed upstairs. Not even his parents, who shared the mansion with him, were permitted in the bedrooms, lest they caught sight of him looking less than immaculate. A bit extreme, maybe, but at least it shows he took pride in his appearance.

Compare this to the story of Skerne Park Academy in Darlington, where headmistress Kate Chisholm caused an indignant backlash by asking parents if they would be so kind as to get dressed before they dropped their children off at school. Do these people have no self-respect? What sort of future will these children have if their parents tell them it is OK to turn up to the school gates in their pyjamas?

It's the same with dress-down Fridays at work. Why Friday, as opposed to dress-down Tuesday? Rightly or wrongly, the message it sends out is that they are already winding down for the weekend, and aren't really going to bust a gut unless they have to.

Now I don't go buy into the old adage that "Clothes maketh the man", but if somebody finds it too much effort to get dressed in the morning, perhaps they are not really cut out for the demanding role of bringing up a child.

Soundtrack specialist Clint works through an idea on guitar

At work on the piano, movie music master Clint Mansell

In his hellraiser days, Clint fronts the band Pop Will Eat Itself

Dark times gave Clint fuel for his creativity

From the Black Country to New York and Hollywood... soundtrack writer Clint Mansell talks to **ANDY RICHARDSON**

HIS accent hasn't changed a bit. Clint Mansell may have become one of Hollywood's most important and successful soundtrack writers and been nominated for an Oscar but he still sounds like the same guy who used to drink at The Mitre in Stourbridge, back in the day.

The former dreadlocked-hell-raiser of The Stourbridge Scene, who led Pop Will Eat Itself into the charts during 10 inglorious years, has not developed any airs and graces. There are no delusions of grandeur, no ideas above his station. He's the same humble and intensely creative man that he ever was.

"Y'alright, man," he says, down the line from Los Angeles. He's in poor shape today, he's only had about four hours sleep. "I've got this right stinking cold. I can't shift it. I've had it for four months."

Charts

Clint's story is one of the most remarkable in the West Midlands. He formed PWEI and gatecrashed the charts on a wave of sample-driven, industrial indie rock. Get The Girl! Kill The Baddies! hit the top 10 while X Y & Zee, Dance Of The Mad, Touched by the Hand of Cicciolina and RSVP weren't far behind. But it was tunes like Beaver Patrol, Def. Con. One., Can U Dig It? and Wise Up! Sucker that cemented their status as cult heroes. They paved the way for The Wonder Stuff, Ned's Atomic Dustbin and a plethora of others.

"I still come back to Stourbridge," he says. "I see my parents there three or four times a year. That whole scene was good to me. We had the best time.

"I remember signing on on a Wednesday and the van would be waiting around the corner to take us out of town and do a gig somewhere for £50. We weren't The Rolling Stones.

The Wrestler, Black Swan, Noah and Moon are among Clint Mansell's acclaimed film scores

We were renting vans from Value Van Hire at Brierley Hill then hitting the road in search of a good time."

Clint and bandmate Graham Crabb wrote most of the Poppies tunes until the band split in 1996.

"We'd been doing that for 10 years and Adam, Graham, Richard, Fuzz and myself had been together as friends for the best part of 15 years. We were all very much at a loss. The band sort of becomes your identity. I imagine it's similar to anyone who's been made redundant. You identify yourself through the things that you do. It took me at least three or four years to get back on my feet."

Clint went to New York. "I was lost, really. I was pretty broke as well. Suddenly you go from being in a successful band to not doing a great deal. The thing that kept me going must have been some kind of delusion. I was 33, I had no experience of anything other than writing songs. I just wanted to give it a shot in New York.

"If it hadn't have worked out I'd just have gone back to Stourbridge to do whatever I would have been doing. Sometimes you have to chance. Don't get me wrong, it's been a lot of hard work. I've done 60 film scores.

"But without having taken that risk I'd never have gotten here. I'd missed the train to settle down and have kids. There were no other options."

In New York, Clint hooked up with the film director Darren Aronofsky, a Harvard University alumni who has subsequently been nominated for an Oscar and created such films as The Wrestler, the 300 million-dollar-grossing Black Swan and the 350 million-dollar-grossing Noah.

"Back in the day, with the band, I'd pay my dues by playing JB's in Dudley, or The Hummingbird in Birmingham. When I started writing film scores, it was the same. At first, I was totally out of my depth. But I learnt a lot. After I'd done 10 or 12 films, I felt like I was getting the hang of it.

"It was very fortuitous to meet Darren. It changed the course of both of our lives. It turned out that our sensibilities matched up. Because he delves into the dark side, if you like.

Liberating

"For me, there were a lot of dark times during that transition from PWEI to being a film score writer. But those dark times gave me fuel."

Clint's moody and elegiac music dovetailed perfectly with Darren's films.

"It was totally different from being in the band. Then, we'd write songs for ourselves. We'd write about anything we liked. But when you write for a film you have to serve the film and go with the director's wishes. But in a weird way, that's very liberating."

Clint scored Darren's debut film, Pi, and was retained to score the next, Requiem For A Dream, which featured the composition Lux Aeterna. The piece has been used in film and trailers while a version was re-orchestrated for choir and full orchestra on The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. Not bad for a fella from Stourbridge who used to spend most of his time drunk.

There have been more successes, most notably the scores to The Fountain, Smokin' Aces, The Wrestler, Black Swan and Moon. Clint's work is ubiquitous; featuring on Top Gear, Lost, The Da Vinci Code and in computer games.

"I've been very fortunate that I've been able to do what I've wanted while putting some bread on the table. I know I'm not right for every other film. It has to speak to me. It has to draw on something that's within me because I feel then that I can bring something to the table."

Uneasy Listening: An Evening With Clint Mansell plus special guests is at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on March 23. Tickets, priced £22.50 or £27.50, are available at www.thsh.co.uk or from the box office on 0121 780 4949.

High Street, Brierley Hill (on the corner) | CARPET FACTORY OUTLETS | 01384 263149
SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

Brintons
CLEARANCE CENTRE
CALL IN OR GO ONLINE TODAY
www.carpetfactoryoutletskidderminster.com

New click flooring department
OPENING OFFER 10% OFF
OPEN SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

Velvet from £9.95 sq. mtr
Heavy Domestic 80/20 Twist from £11.95 sq. mtr
Easy Care Saxony from £11.95 sq. mtr
Stain Free Twist from £12.95 sq. mtr
UP TO 50% OFF RUGS
UP TO 15% OFF ROLL ENDS

Brintons FINE CARPETS | VICTORIA CARPETS | BROCKWAY KIDDERMINSTER | Karndean Designflooring DEDICATED SHOWROOM | The Home of Flooring

Children should be priority at park

DEAR me, D White of Dudley, I've really ruffled your feather's haven't I! You have made many assumptions about me, but you shouldn't judge.

I too am retired and infirm, all the more reason why I don't want dogs running around my legs and jumping up me. I too have visited Himley Hall regularly for many many years and must have put a fortune in the pay machine, but I haven't been for over two years because after an incident I was too nervous of the dogs.

So do I have to stay away from my favourite place just because you dog owners want all your own way?

You mention the children like to feed the ducks, they also like to ride their bikes and scooters without being chased. Do you have children or grandchildren? Is this what you want for the youngster's visiting the park?

What a sad sign of the times when dogs and their walks are more important than the well-being of children and the public. Happy walkies!

A BLAKE
Dudley

Doubts over family area

IN reply to A Blake's letter (Letters to the Editor, January 21).

It needs to be noted that the main reason given by Dudley MBC in regard to the 'dog free zone' at Himley Hall was to encourage families with children, presumably who do not have dogs, to use a safer area of the park.

However, the council at the same time did not state how they actually intended to encourage further use. There are no plans for this area to incorporate any play equipment or inclusive play facilities for children. You liken this to the provision, in the at Sandwell Valley and there is simply no comparison.

Therefore will a long patch of grass, free of dogs, really encourage more use of the park by a select demographic? I have my doubts.

C SHARP
Halesowen

Speed limit limit would be effective

THE roadworks on the Hagley Road roundabout at Pedmore still have weeks to run but it is already apparent that the permanent reduction from two lanes to one past the Foley Arms is causing gridlock on the roundabout.

In turn, this adds to the tailbacks on the approaching Hagley and Pedmore roads.

My guess is the planners have done this to improve safety past Pedmore school, something that is much needed. So why is the speed limit to remain at 40 mph?

Safety could have been improved by reducing the speed of traffic rather than constraining its flow.

Erecting 30mph signs on the Hagley Road would cost a fraction of the lane reduction work, reduce rather than increase emissions, cause zero disruption and increase the safety of the walk to school for the pupils of both Pedmore and Oldswinford primary schools. It would be cost effective and simple.

D GREALIS
Stourbridge

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POST
Dudley Chronicle,
Chronicle Editorial,
51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

EMAIL
dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Midlands and north bearing migrant cost

IT was refreshing to hear some common sense spoken by Labour Dudley North MP, Ian Austin regarding the allocation of asylum seekers and migrants around the UK.

As he correctly points out, the north has accepted nearly 5,000 asylum seekers, the West Midlands 3,000, while the wealthy south east, south west and east of England have only taken 1,200 between them.

Some southern councils have taken no migrants at all. How is this fair and just? It is not.

When one hears of the 'prosperous south', you can now understand why they are so 'prosperous'. With minimal acceptance of asylum seekers, the southern councils do not have the extra high costs of translators, social workers, social housing and other expense associated with hosting these migrants.

Councils in the north and Midlands have all these costs and social issues to deal with, along with constant budget cuts.

Rather than the West Midlands' MPs pleading for us to accept more asylum seekers to our regions, I hope they lend their support to their colleague, Ian Austin, in trying to persuade southern councils to accept their fair share and assist the north and Midlands with this ongoing and increasing burden.

G GRANT
Birmingham

Dogs should be on leads

RE letter by J James (Letters to the Editor, February 4).

I totally agree dogs off the lead are a pain in public places. We went to Himley last year with my five year old and there was a dog running all over the place and jumping up people.

If a large dog ran and jumped up at a small child they would be sent flying. I have a dog but keep it on the lead , all dogs in public places should be on leads and there should definitely be a dog free zone at Himley.

J GUEST
Wordsley

FANTASTIC FEBRUARY OFFERS

FREE 28mm Argon Gas A Rated Glass
(You only pay for frames)

UP TO 50% OFF

- uPVC Back & Front Doors Fully Fitted **from £460**
- Windows **from £180**
- Conservatories **from £4495**
- French Doors **from £700**
- Patio Doors **from £750**

Bespoke requirements are no problem

Composite Doors
Fully Fitted from £700

Rehau A Rated frames and glass

Also Available - Guardian Tiled Roof System (LABC approved)

West Midlands DOUBLE GLAZING
10 YEAR Guarantee
77 Over End Street, West Brom
B70 6EY
Tel: 0800 080 7076 0121 532 0784
FENSA Registered Company
www.westmidlandsglazing.com • Friendly, personal touch and jobs completed to high standards

Colourful display on cold night

Wall Heath Horticultural

FOLLOWING the Christmas break, members met again on Tuesday, February 2 for a delightful meeting.

A new idea for the guild is for members to bring a pot plant to show and be judged. This was well supported and was a great success. There was as very colourful display of blooms for a cold evening.

Derek Bull, a volunteer and garden guide at Hidcote Manor, in Gloucestershire, kindly came and talked to members about the National Trust property.

He showed examples of wonderful photographs which had been done by Country Life magazine in the 1930s up to the 1950s which were black and white leading onto more contemporary photography.

He gave a wonderful history of Lawrence Johnson (1871-1958) who owned the Manor which was purchased for him by his very wealthy American mother Gertrude Winthrop, a divorcee.

The National Trust took over the Manor and gardens in 1948. Everything that is done within the gardens is strictly overseen by English Heritage.

Chairman Amanda Ridney gave information regarding forthcoming events within the guild.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm, in the community centre, Enville Road, Wall Heath, Kingswinford.

Anyone wishing to visit or join the guild will be made very welcome. Further information can be obtained from Amanda Ridney on 01384 287480.

Cold weather leads to depleted numbers

Wollaston E TWG

THE January meeting brought in the new year, but also some very wet and cold weather. Consequently attendance at the meeting was depleted and the chairman was obliged to read out a lengthy list of apologies.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, followed by the treasurer's and sub-section reports.

A number of outings are in the pipeline – namely a skittles/fish and chips evening, a visit to the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, lunch at the College of Food in Birmingham, and a trip to see Grease at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

The speaker was Malcolm Astley, who with the aid of slides, gave a good insight into the history of National Trust's Moseley Old Hall, near Wolverhampton – a resting place of Charles II during his escape after defeat at the Battle of Worcester in 1651.

Raffle winners were Jean Millward and Wendy Crickard and the competition was won by Julie Willetts.

Successful year for thriving club

Clent Gardening Club

THE club's AGM was held on January 22 at Clent Village hall and a healthy turn out of members were in attendance to hear the chairman report on another successful year for this thriving village club.

He reported that, although overall membership was slightly down on previous years the monthly meetings were generally well attended and during the preceding 12 months had enjoyed a variety of interesting speakers, culminating its first celebrity speaker in November.

He also reported on two enjoyable outings and a successful annual Flower Show held in conjunction with Clent WI.

Election of officers followed and John Partington was re-elected as honorary president, Martin Grange as chairman, Peter Orme as honorary treasurer and Ann Hunt as honorary secretary.

The chairman presented garden vouchers and a pot of seasonal daffodils as a token of the club's gratitude to retiring committee members Marie Turner, Janet Babb and former chairman Pat Orme each of whom had given many years of service.

The first meeting of 2016 will be held at the village hall on February 26,with a talk by Patrick Clement entitled "Garden Moths and Butterflies".

For further details on joining or visiting visit https://clentgardening-club.wordpress.com or call Martin Grange on 01562 883009/07917 184762.

New members to start off year

Kingswinford Folk Dance Club

THE final event of 2015 was as usual, a party night. In addition to dancing, members enjoyed a shared supper and instead of Christmas cards, a donation was made to the charity fund.

The destination of the collection was chosen by Norma, who held the lucky ticket in the raffle.

The new year got off to a rousing start as there are several new members. As funds are stable the annual subscription can remain at £3 per annum. A 'thank you' letter was read out which had been sent to Norma, from Barnardo's, her chosen charity.

The club meets in St Mary's School, Kingswinford, on alternate Thursdays from 7.45pm. Prospective new members are always welcome.

A cold home can make you ill

In Britain cold spells, even during mild winters, are often followed by: A sudden increase in heart attacks, strokes and respiratory illnesses.

If you or anyone you know could be at risk from a cold home, contact the Winter Warmth Support Service for a free home visit for:

- advice on keeping warm and keeping well
- advice on accessing energy discounts and cheaper tariffs
- energy-saving tips
- help to set temperatures and service heating appliances

Insulation • boilers • blankets • heaters • hot water bottles can also be provided (criteria apply to all).

Call us now on 01384 817086
or email: WinterWarmth@dudley.gov.uk

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
keep warm, keep well Winter warmth support service
NHS

Halesowen Fireplaces
AT THE HEART OF YOUR HOME
Complete Fireplace Packages from £499
(including fire)

For a range of Gas and Electric Fires and Surrounds visit our showroom (opposite Tyre City on Long Lane)
Telephone 0121 559 9985
Unit 14, Long Lane Trading Estate, Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LD
www.halesowenfireplaces.co.uk

ABBYDIRECT
TIMBER SUPPLIES
Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm Sat 8.30am - 1pm OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & TRADE

4.8 metre length Decking Boards
Only £8 each
(Saving £3 on each board)
Skirtings • Architraves Planed Timbers • Sawn Timbers
Sheet Materials• Fencing Panels • Garden Gates • Decking Etc
Tel: 01384 456201 Mob: 07967 588161

Hands on – gaming appeals to all ages

Exciting effects will feature

COMPETITION

Show on the button with tech treats

IT'S Back – Britain's biggest consumer tech show, Gadget Show Live, returns to Birmingham's NEC this Easter.

The show which runs from Thursday, March 31 to Sunday, April 3, features four fantastic new areas this year – Better Life, Power Up, The Lab and The Arcade – making it the perfect day out for everyone.

And the Chronicles have teamed up with the organisers to give 20 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the show.

The Super Theatre also makes a powerful return as presenters Jason Bradbury, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and Amy Williams host an hour-long performance overflowing with tech treats.

For the first time ever, the Super Theatre performances, featuring the TV show's presenters, will be filmed for an episode of The Gadget Show to be broadcast on Channel Five later this year giving visitors the chance to feature in the programme alongside the presenters.

The new areas include:-

Better Life – where visitors will discover tech that's been engineered to enhance their everyday lives.

Power Up – finding technology with the power to drive lives forward

The Lab - concept and innovation are integral to modern day tech and visitors can discover inspirational tech for the future

The Arcade – the place for gamers to become truly immersed in the very latest titles on the market

For more information and tickets, please visit gadgetshowlive.net

the gadget show LIVE

HOW TO ENTER

To be in with a chance of winning simply answer this question.

What are the new areas called?

Send answer on a postcard with your name, address and contact number to Gadget Show Competition, Chronicle Series (Editorial) 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date Thursday, February 18. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision final.

THE STD MASSIVE CLEARANCE SALE

Brintons Axminster..... £16.95 sq. yd.
Sensations heathers..... £12.95 sq. yd.
Wiltons Heavy Domestic..... £9.95 sq. yd.
Majestic Saxony Stainfree..... £9.95 sq. yd.
Apollo + ... £6.95 sq. yd
Vinyls..... £7.95 sq. yd.
Care Free Felt Back ..... £3.95 sq. yd.

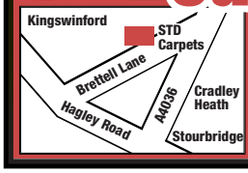
Plus many more great offers Instore

FACTORY CLEARANCE OF OVER 200 PART ROLLS WITH SAVINGS OF UP TO 75%

STD are the largest stockists of carpets in the Midlands with the best selection, the best fitters, and are NEVER undercut on price

STD carpets

10% off All end rolls with this voucher (*First week of sale only)



Open 6 days a week 9.00 to 5.30
Sunday 10.30 to 4.00
Closed Wednesdays

Church Street, Brierley Hill
01384 76448

QKM LTD. Quality Kitchen Makeovers Ltd

UNBEATABLE QUALITY AND VALUE FROM THE BESPOKE SPECIALISTS

Don't Settle for Less
● Kitchens ● Bedrooms
● Bathrooms ● Extensions
● Loft Conversions
● Home Offices
From a door or worktop replacement to an extension

What our customers say...

"Wonderful kitchen, I have already recommended you and would not hesitate to recommend QKM to anyone."

"Can't believe the transformation from start to finish, totally professional."

HOMEOWNERS...

Looking to Sell?
Enhance the prospects of selling your property - stunning results for a minimum outlay

Just Moved In?
Let us help to transform your property into a dream home

Decided to Stay?
Fall in love again with your home - Revamp your kitchen, bedroom or bathroom and allow us to show your home's true potential

Bring us your dream pictures and we will bring them to life

At QKM
We are dedicated to offering our customers the finest service within the home improvement market

THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN
Membership No A120074

'We have customers who would be more than happy to show you the excellent standard of work'

Appliances: Neff, Bosch, Rangemaster, Belling, Hotpoint, Stoves and many more

Franke Sinks 50 Year Guarantee

The Largest Working LUCE Kitchen in the Midlands at our Netherton Showroom

All types of Flooring supplied and Wet Wall Solutions for Bathrooms

Range of Kitchens, Bedrooms and Bathrooms to suit all budgets

Did you know 80% of our customers are retired?
60% plus of all our appointments are referrals or existing customers requiring further work.
Find out why we are trusted for yourself
BOOK YOUR NO OBLIGATION QUOTE TODAY ON 01384 232413

Head Office & Showroom
149 Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9BL
01384 232413
Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5.30pm,
Thursdays 9am - 7pm
Saturdays 10am - 4pm

Stourport Showroom
33 High Street, Stourport-on-Seven DY13 8BE
01299 877718
Open Tue, Wed & Sat 10.00am - 5.30pm
Thursday 10.00am - 7.00pm
Stourport closed Monday & Friday

Customer satisfaction guaranteed.
WE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

www.qkm.org.uk FIVE MINUTES FROM MERRY HILL

KEEPING YOUR HOME AUTHENTIC, SAFE AND WARM THIS WINTER
BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED WINDOWS, DOORS, CONSERVATORIES & ORANGERIES

We are a professional, family run, local company who have over 34 years year-on-year trading installing quality windows, doors, conservatories and orangeries. We pride ourselves on our high quality standards and that we can offer all our customers total satisfaction on whatever you need.

Wombourne Windows™
ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES

For more information call us now on

TEL: 0845 6030334 (local rate)

or visit our website at www.wombourne-windows.co.uk

FENSA No 10753

Morlock House, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 0AL
Opening Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-2pm

Ten years for drug dealer who rammed police cars

The shotgun found in a car outside Morris's home in Brierley Hill, shotgun shells and a revolver was also found

A DRUG dealer from Brierley Hill has been jailed for more than 10 years after a police swoop found two guns in a car parked outside his home.

Unemployed Nathan Morris was arrested after being seen dealing drugs from his car in Church Street, Darlaston, on August 26.

The 28-year-old realised he had been spotted, reversed at speed and rammed three police cars and another stationary vehicle in his bid to escape

Officers managed to stop the car and detained Morris while a search of the car revealed several wraps of drugs and two mobile phones.

Heroin

Police then raided his home in Madison Avenue, Brierley Hill, where they discovered a large quantity of heroin and cocaine.

They also searched a black Ford Mondeo for which Morris had the ignition key and found more drugs and two firearms – a bolt action shotgun and a revolver – plus shotgun shells.

He changed his plea to guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court where he was due to stand trial accused of possession of two firearms, ammunition, heroin and cocaine, together with dangerous driving.

Morris was sentenced to 10 years and three months in prison.

Inspector Keeley Bevington, from Walsall Police, said: "This lengthy sentence showsthat gun and drug crime have no place in our communities."

Assistant Chief Constable Carl Foulkes said: "The public are our eyes and ears in our long-term plan to tackle gun crime and I want to appeal directly to our communities to contact us with any information you have about gun and gang crime."

Meanwhile, scores of crooks from the Black Country have been jailed after a six-week blitz on crime.

Officers in Sandwell have issued their thanks to members of the public for their help in bringing the criminals to justice as part of the Safer Six campaign, which included several dawn raids on addresses.

Drug dealer Nathan Morris, aged 28

CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN
SAVE UP TO 70% OFF
HIGH STREET PRICES
Save an extra £10
Make the switch
Join 1,000s of satisfied customers that have...
AND SAVE £££££'s
The Spectacle Store
Bring your prescription or book an eye test. Call and save!
NHS Vouchers Welcome
3 Mill Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 2RG - 01384 484446
264 Castle Street, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 1LQ - 01384 252903
37 Capehill, Windmill Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands B66 4RX - 0121 558 1621
Gant Ray-Ban Xeyes Calvin Klein DKNY Bench. Bench. Guess

CASH Hawthorne & Walker CARRY

Whole Fresh Boneless Rib Eyes of Beef ~~Was £7.99lb~~ Now £5.99lb	Whole Fresh Boneless Sirlion of Beef ~~Was £6.99lb~~ Now £5.99lb	Whole Fresh Rumps of Beef ~~Was £5.99lb~~ Now £3.99lb	Black Angus Eye Rounds Roasting Beef Joints £3.59lb Buy 2 = £2.99lb	5 X 1Lb Lean Minced Beef (Additive Free) £1.99lb	5 X 1Lb Extra Lean Diced Beef 98% £2.99lb
Boneless Pork Loins £1.59lb	Fresh Boneless Turkey Crowns £2.99lb	Whole Fresh Pork Bellies £1.59lb	11Lb Trays Fresh Chicken Fillets £22 Per Tray Take 2 £20 Each (Additive Free) Packed In 1'S or 2'S	Small Whole Fresh Beef Fillets No Side Chain £7.99lb Take 2 £6.99lb (Only While Stocks Last)	5Lb Fresh Lean Braising Steaks £2.98lb
Boneless Fresh English Legs Of Lamb £3.99lb	Whole Boneless Danish Crown Horse Shoe Gammons £1.79lb	5Lb Packs Locally Cured Rindless Short Back Bacon £7.50 Per Pack Smoked £8.99lb Per Pack	10 Rib Eye Steaks £17.99	10 Loin Lamb Chops £7.99	10 Pork Loin Steaks £7.99

FREEZER PACK £69.00!
2 BEEF JOINTS, 2 LAMB JOINTS, 2 PORK JOINTS, 2Lb BEST PORK SAUSAGES, RUMP STEAKS, 2Lb HOME CURED BACON, LAMB CHOPS, PORK STEAKS

Homemade Pork Sausage - minimum Pork content 75%
Pork & Red Onion Sausage
• Tomato Sausage
(Fresh Red Onion, Tomatoes, No Flavouring)
Pork & Black Pudding
Gluten Free Sausages Available

Email us on: hawthorneandwalker@gmail.com
01384 633648 (24 hr answer phone) or 01384 353550
Opening times: Mon: 9am-1pmTues: 8am-5pm, Wed & Sat: 8am-1pm, Thurs & Fri: 8am-5.30pm
TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME
172-6 HIGH STREET, QUARRY BANK
FREE HOME DELIVERY ON ORDERS OVER £50
ALL SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
Most Credit Cards taken - Visa, Mastercard, etc

SALE NOW ON
DC DOMESTIC
SALE NOW ON
12 MONTHS WARRANTY
NEW AND GRADED
RECONDITIONED
FREE DELIVERY UP TO 5 MILES
TUMBLE DRYERS From £129.00
VACUUM CLEANERS From £30.00
FRIDGE FREEZERS From £149.00
WASHING MACHINES From £129.00
NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY
175, HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY HILL, DY5 3BU
TEL: 07538 005 637 OR 07429 705 750

NO GIMMICKS JUST HONEST PRICES AND SERVICE

QUEEN BLINDS

Mix & Match Vertical Blinds Or Roller
3 for £100
72" x 72"

Vertical Blinds
3 for £79
Up to 72" x 72"

Roller Blinds
3 for £119
60" x 60"

We provide Venetian, Roman, Roller, Vertical, Velux, Pleated
Supplied & Fitted within 5 days
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK
8.30AM TILL 7PM
FREE MEASURING & FITTING
12 Month Guarantee Terms & Conditions Apply

Full Conservatory Blinds Fitted
£189
Vertical Only

Find us on Facebook
FREEPHONE
CALL: 01384 686970
TEXT: 07707 435964
www.queenblinds.co.uk
0800 907 8631

Shock as assaults on police has reached 440

POLICE officers in the West Midlands have been assaulted more than 440 times in the line of duty, new figures reveal.

The number has risen from the previous year when there were 419 reports of police officers attacked from March 2013 to March 2014.

In the 12 months from March 2014, Wolverhampton had the most officer assaults with 89; then Walsall at 53; Dudley at 41 and Sandwell came in with the lowest at 21. Overall, 238 officers were assaulted across Birmingham across the whole of the city, making the total number of assaults 442.

Praise

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson says he is shocked by the figures and he heaped praise on 'public serving' police officers.

He said: "It is outrageous that during the course of their duty police officers are attacked. They are hard-working public servants who should be allowed to go carry out their job without fear of violence.

"It is always shocking to see figures relating to these sorts of attacks and I want those responsible to feel the full force of the law. It is the job of police officers to keep the public safe and it is totally unacceptable that they have to endure such treatment."

By David Callaghan

The statistics were published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of the Constabulary and were collected by the Home Office.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Gina Lycett said: "Whilst one assault on an officer is one too many, the nature of policing carries some risk. In the West Midlands our officers are trained in personal safety techniques. They are also suitably equipped to ensure that they are able to discharge their duties as safely as possible in protecting our communities."

Say I do to netting your dream wedding

Cakes by Caterina Bianchi has exhibited at previous wedding fairs, and this year there will be more stalls than ever

WOLVERHAMPTON Magazine is hosting its fifth annual wedding fair and due to its continued success the show will be held at Molineux for the first time.

The wedding fair has previously been staged at The Mount Hotel, Tettenhall, but to accommodate growing demand is moving to a larger venue.

Brides-to-be are expected to flock to Wolverhampton Magazine's Wedding Fair planned for Sunday, March 20, from 11am to 4pm. The event will be held in the stylish WV1 suite, overlooking the pitch, and the goal is to ensure visitors walk away with ideas galore for the big day. The increased space means people will be able to browse up to 45 stands.

The fair, sponsored by Cousins Furniture, will boast specialists who can cater for every requirement, from the all-important dress to the transport. Exciting hair and make-up demonstrations will also be taking place. Brides can register on arrival for free admission.

For more information about exhibiting at the fair call 01902 319693 or email deana.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

HONDA
The Power of Dreams

Say hello to the Honda range

Say hello to Nil Advance Payment

We're always trying to find new ways to build safer, smarter cars. And now you can drive one home from Nil Advance Payment with Honda Motability.

FROM NIL Advance Payment
The new Jazz 1.3 SE
Small on the outside. Big on the inside. With Magic Seats you can rearrange 180 ways.

FROM NIL Advance Payment
The Civic 5dr 1.8 S
Sleeker. Sportier. Smarter all round. With Magic Seats and City Brake Active System.

FROM NIL Advance Payment
The Civic Tourer 1.8 S
Dynamic. Practical. Designed for life. With doors that open up wide to 90 degrees.

FROM NIL Advance Payment
The CR-V 2.0 S 2WD
Better. Stronger. Now goes even further. With high driving position and impressive boot space.

CR-V Nil Advance Payment exclusive to Brindley Honda

BRINDLEY HONDA

BRINDLEY CANNOCK
Walsall Road
Cannock WS11 0JP
01543 406609

BRINDLEY WEST BROMWICH
Millennium Park, Swan Lane
West Bromwich B70 0NR
0121 629 0990

BRINDLEY WOLVERHAMPTON
West Street, off Stafford Road
Wolverhampton WV10 6HT
01902 690601

www.brindleyhonda.co.uk

Motability
The leading car scheme for disabled people

Fuel consumption figures for the Honda range in mpg (l/100km): Urban Cycle 23.2 – 70.6 (12.2 – 4.0), Extra Urban 40.4 – 85.6 (7.0 – 3.3), Combined 32.5 – 78.5 (8.7 – 3.6). CO_2 emissions 201 – 94g/km. Fuel consumption figures sourced from official EU-regulated laboratory test results, are provided for comparison purposes and may not reflect real-life driving experience. Models Shown: Jazz 1.3 i-VTEC SE Manual in White Orchid Pearl, Civic 1.8 i-VTEC S Manual in Twilight Blue Metallic, Civic Tourer 1.8 i-VTEC S Manual in Twilight Blue Metallic and CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC S Manual 2WD in Twilight Blue Metallic. Terms and Conditions: Nil Advanced Payment offer on Jazz 1.3 i-VTEC SE Manual, Civic 1.8 i-VTEC S Manual, Civic Tourer 1.8 i-VTEC S Manua and CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC S Manual 2WD. All offers are correct at the time of going to print however Honda (UK) reserves the right to change this offer at any time. Models subject to availability. Written details available on request. The facilities offered are for the hire of goods. The scheme is available to recipients of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance or War Pensioners Mobility Supplement. To qualify for this offer you must be in receipt of a minimum of 12 months allowance. Valid for applications between 04 January to 31 March 2016 to Motability Operations Limited (Registered Company No. 1373876), City Gate House, 22 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HB. Promoter is Honda Motor Europe Limited trading as Honda (UK) at Cain Road, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1HL.

Thousands use internet to bully

ONLINE bullies have committed more than 1,800 Facebook stalking and harassment offences in the last five years in the West Midlands.

Crimes included disclosure of private, sexual photographs and films, racially and religiously aggravated harassment, stalking involving fear of violence, serious alarm or distress and breaches of restraining orders.

The figures, which have been released under Freedom of Information laws, show that cyber-bullies and internet trolls are still rife with people are using the internet to make others lives a misery.

Of the 1,841 incidents recorded by West Midlands Police, 290 people were charged, including 124 youths.

Warnings were issued to 38 people and cautions were given to 54 – 15 young people and 39 adults. On 240 occasions, cases were dropped due to evidential difficulties and community resolutions were the outcome in 273 of the cases.

Meeting with minister over the menace of zombie knives

A CAMPAIGN against the sale of 'zombie knives' by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner is being taken to Whitehall.

Commissioner David Jamieson is to meet with Home Office minister Karen Bradley MP next month as he takes his battle against the sale of 'zombie knives' to the heart of Government.

He is calling for a total ban on the sale of the blades, which have names such as Head Splitter, Death Dagger and The Skinner.

The commissioner said the knives are being increasingly used by criminal gangs.

Mr Jamieson has also written to the chief executive of Amazon UK calling for an immediate ban on the sale of zombie knives. Questions on the vicious-looking blades have also been tabled in Parliament by Dudley North MP Ian Austin. The Home Office has said it that it is aware of concerns about zombie knives.

Mr Jamieson said: "I am pleased that having raised this issue the Government is taking it seriously and I am looking forward to a productive meeting.

"I also hope the Government brings Amazon to the table. I am not saying Amazon is the only company selling these items – far from it, unfortunately they are available from many outlets – but it is the biggest online retailer in the country and where it leads, others follow.

"I also want to be clear that I am not against the legal and responsible sale of knives in general – obviously they have a practical use in the home and garden. But these zombie knives have no practical usage whatsoever. These are truly terrible weapons that need to be removed from the streets as soon as possible."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin

Peer to talk on ancestral home

THE 12th Viscount Cobham will be the guest speaker at Stourbridge Historical Society's next meeting.

Lord Cobham will be talking about the Lyttelton family's ancestral home of Hagley Hall. The illustrated talk Hagley Hall, Past, Present and Future is being presented in the Wollaston Room at Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday, February 18 at 7.30pm. Admission for non-members will be £3.

The current Viscount is Christopher Lyttelton, who succeeded his late brother John in 2006.

The house is set in 350 acres of landscaped deer park. There has been a park at Hagley since the reign of Edward III in the 14th century.

The society celebrates its 70th anniversary on March 17 when there will be entertainment from The Old Contemptibles.

Peaky into gangland past at the museum

Peaky Blinders style at the Black Country Living Museum

FANS of the hit television drama Peaky Blinders will be able to celebrate the show at a themed event coming the Black Country Living Museum.

The Tipton Road attraction has drawn attention around the world as it became known that the producers of the between the wars gangster saga film many of the scenes at the Dudley museum. The canal side yard and foundry are among the areas used as backdrops to the action over the the past three series.

The themed event on September 10 will feature live music, dancing and gin cocktails as the museum recreate the glamour and the grime of Peaky Blinders era.

The Bottle and Glass Inn will be serving bottles of Peaky Blinders beer made by Lye-based brewery Sadler's. Street theatre will take place across the site to give the impression that the notorious gang are on the prowl. Fat caps and 1930s style grandad shirts will be on sale at the museum, as well as an onsite 1930s-style barber by appointment for those who want to perfect their Peaky look. The event is for over 16s only. See www.bclm.com/peakyblinders

Construction sector set to recruit 10,000

THE regeneration of Birmingham city centre and major road improvements will help create up to 10,000 construction jobs across the West Midlands over the next five years, according to a new report.

Figures from the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) reveal that construction employment in the West Midlands is set to rise by 10,200 by 2021, with an estimated total of 215,000 jobs predicted in the region by 2020.

CITB's Construction Skills Network report forecasts that employment is set to rise at an annual average rate of one per cent between 2016 and 2020, with the labouring trade seeing the largest expansion at a rate of 3.7 per cent, followed by bricklayers, steel erectors and civil engineers. One of the largest retail-orientated projects is the £500m redevelopment of Birmingham city centre. Infrastructure output should also be buoyed by £1.8bn worth of investment into the Midlands' roads network.

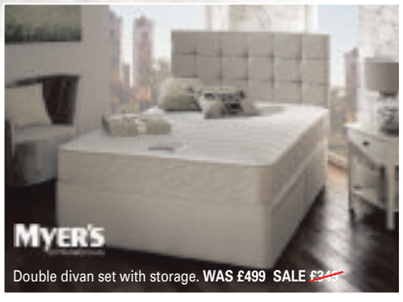
WILLIAM & SONS WINTER
sale
For the end of our sale...
EXTRA discount
off our already low SALE PRICES
Buy this WEEKEND for EXTRA discount throughout the whole store...
plus pay nothing until the end of the year, no deposit and no interest ever!

Canterbury large textured fabric sofa. WAS 799 SALE £~~599~~

EXTRA discount price £499 SAVE £300

Walnut effect dining table & 4 chairs. WAS £799 SALE £~~699~~

EXTRA discount price £389 SAVE £410



Double divan set with storage. WAS £499 SALE £~~3~~

EXTRA discount price £289 SAVE £210

Level Street
Merry Hill, Dudley
West Midlands
DY5 1UA
T. 01384 77444

WILLIAM&SONS
www.williamandsons.co.uk

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK...
Monday to Friday 10-5.30pm
Saturday 10-6pm
Sunday 11-5pm

We'll not be beaten on Price! That's our 'Price Promise' to you!
Visit us at www.williamandsons.co.uk and sign up to receive OUR EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OFFERS!

Alstons Baker bardi HTL MYER'S rauch ICS WADE

0% APR Representative *Deferred interest free credit offer available on orders over £399. Representative Example: Cash Price £399. Deposit £0. Total Amount of Credit £399. Duration of the Agreement 18 months. 12 x Monthly Repayments of £33.25 starting 6 months after delivery or collection. Annual Rate of Interest 0%. Representative APR 0%. Total Amount Payable £399. Written details available on request. Credit is subject to status. Terms & Conditions apply. Price Match Promise Terms & Conditions apply. Ask in store or see our website for further details. All offers subject to availability E&OE.

Wham-bam here come Telegram

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

SWAGGERING onto the scene come a new gang of hip indie rockers, who draw on the glam traditions of Bowie and Bolan with the swashbuckle of Suede.

Welcome then, **Telegram**, an Anglo-Welsh quartet who are currently causing a stir on the London scene and try to live up to the hype with their dashing debut **Operator**.

The album perhaps promises more than it delivers but it is never less than entertaining. Singer Matt Saunders sounds like a Welsh Bryan Ferry, circa Virginia Plain, while the guitars and drums crash with the casual abandon of The Libertines or Palma Violets.

A Roxy Music comparison is not too far-fetched as two of the group were once in a tribute band called Proxy Music. Quirky Welsh outfit Super Furry Animals may also be an influence.

Highlights include forthcoming single Taffy Come Home, Aeons with its echoes of The Who and early Pink Floyd, and the driving Jam-like bonus track Have It Your Way.

Find out what all the fuss is about at The Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath tonight (Thu) before they put up the venue full sign.

The Canadian folk singer-songwriter **Basia Bulat** embraces an atmospheric pop/rock sound on her fourth album **Good Advice**, and the venture is an unqualified success.

Her friend and collaborator Jim James, of Kentucky rockers My Morning Jacket, is at the controls and has helped her craft an album that starts well and gets even better.

With a voice that is strong and confident, yet has a vulnerable tone, Bulat straight away proves her pop credentials with La La Lie, which is then surpassed by Fool.

New indie rock darlings Telegram have their roots in a Roxy Music tribute

Her influences are hard to pin down, and that can only be a good thing, the sign of a highly original talent.

On the album's final two tracks, The Garden and Someday Soon, she raises her game again on a blissful high.

You may have already heard the music of **Stephanie Kirkham** without realising it as her catchy tune Easy As 123, featured on new album **Tiny Spark**, has been used to advertise Peugeot and EDF. Sweet-voiced singer Kirkham is a maker of relentlessly upbeat folk-pop, festooned with ukulele, flute and xylophone. It is sugary but only a curmudgeon could deny her charm or indeed her optimism.

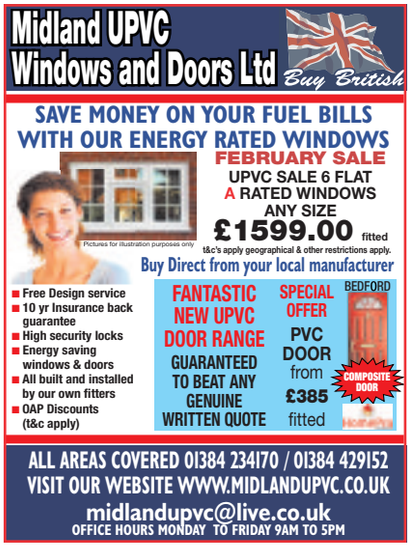
The Lancastrian singer-songwriter had a brush with fame before but her original record deal fell through and there has been a ten year gap between her second and third albums.

Cherry Red Records have come up with another essential selection for fans of 1960s music under their RPM imprint, **Looking Stateside: 80 US R&B, Mod, Soul & Garage Nuggets**.

Collectors have plucked three CD's worth of vinyl rarities taking in dance crazes, stomping instrumentals, soul groovers and garage rock, and the vast majority are gems for fans of the swinging 60s. Highlights on disco one include the feisty females Georgia Lynn (Sugar Shack Queen), Millie Foster (Love Wheel) and bluesy belter Little Gigi (Take The Bitter With The Sweet).

Disc two is straight up top-notch Northern Soul from such as Chuck Jackson, Timi Yuro, Joe Tex, Sheila Ferguson (pre-Three Degrees), including the showstoppers I've Got To Keep Movin' by Charles Lamont & The Extremes, Put That Woman Down by John Leach and Can't Live Without You by The Jaywakers.

Disc three is garage rock and mod beat including the young Jimi Hendrix's favourite local band The Wailers, influential outfit The Sonics and a 60s track by rock 'n' roller Gene Vincent.



Classic with a message

The impressive set for An Inspector Calls, staged last week for capacity audiences at Wolverhampton Picture by Mark Douet

REVIEW

by Leon Burakowski

An Inspector Calls, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

DIRECTOR Stephen Daldry's version of JB Priestly's thriller combined with socialist sermon is fast becoming a classic of modern theatre, not bad for a revival of a play first performed in 1945.

The Billy Elliot director brought back this whodunnit with a political message at the National Theatre in 1992, maybe as a riposte to years of Thatcherism and the prevailing 'greed is good' mentality.

Working with designer Ian MacNeil, they created an atmospheric set dominated by a cobbled street and a giant doll's house-like residence for the selfish, self-assured Birling family.

Daldry's vision, which has long eclipsed the old Edwardian drawing room productions, is back on tour again thanks to the inclusion of Priestly's play in the GCSE English Literature syllabus. More than half of last Tuesday's audience were secondary school pupils.

Set in 1912, it tells of a police inspector disturbing a family party at the home of a rich northern factory owner as part of an investigation into the suicide of a young woman.

The cosy self-satisfied world of the Birlings is destroyed bit by bit by the impertinent, increasingly angry investigator, who seems to know everything about the Birlings and how they each contributed to the victim's downfall.

Liam Brennan was a strong presence as the avenging Inspector Goole. Other fine performances came from Caroline Wildi and Geoff Leesley as the pompous Birling parents, Katherine Jack as the guilt-ridden near hysterical daughter, and Matthew Douglas as her compromised fiance. Hamish Riddle, making his professional debut as the Birlings' broken son, was particularly persuasive and is certainly a talent to watch out for.

Stage veteran Diana Payne-Myers, as elderly servant Edna, was a wry, watchful presence.

But the major star was the striking set with its house that seemed to burst out of the cobbles and finally collapsed as if it had died of shame.

This striking imagery was enhanced by the foggy atmosphere and Oscar winner Stephen Warbeck's dramatic music.

Priestly's message about how our actions affect others, especially actions by the wealthy and powerful, is not subtle but it still resonates at a time when the gulf is growing between the rich and the rest.

YOUR CHOICE BATHROOMS

"Our company is owned and run by local tradesmen meaning the work is carried out properly and on time. We strive to keep our prices as low as possible in order to keep within the budgets of retired, disabled and working families which make up 95% of our customers."

FEBRUARY & MARCH FITTING DATES NOW BEING RESERVED

YOUR ARMCHAIR GUIDE TO A NEW BATHROOM

- **DECISION** Phone us for a No Obligation Quote (Daytime / Evenings or Weekends)
- **QUOTATION** Design/Planning & Materials & Suite all chosen in your home & an on the spot price given.
- **INSTALLATION** The Job is started & completed in around 5 days & left clean & tidy with all rubbish removed
- **INSPECTION** Everything is thoroughly checked with yourself at the end of the job to your satisfaction.
- **COMPLETION** Only when you are delighted with the finished job, do we accept your final balance.
- **RECOMMENDATION** We hope YOUR CHOICE will be your friends choice

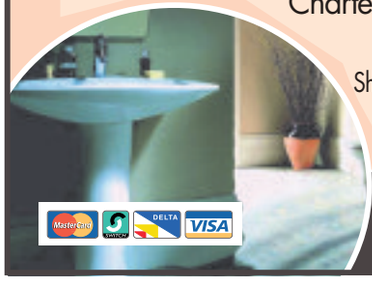
EXAMPLE FULL JOB FOR £3850.00
90x90 Quadrant Cubicle with low level tray
15 SQM Wall Tiles
Tiled Floor
Replacement Shower
New Basin & WC
EXTRA DISCOUNT FOR OUR RETIRED & DISABLED CUSTOMERS

DISABLED SPECIAL
Are you having problems getting in & out of your Bath
We will remove the Bath & Fit an easy access low level round, square or oblong cubicle, & Tiled inside.
Supply a new replacement shower
A Folding Seat & Grab Rail
ALL FOR ONLY £2150.00

VAT FREE IN QUALIFYING CASES

FOR FREE FRIENDLY ADVICE AND A WARM WELCOME PHONE US NOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE SURVEY

Unit 4, Charterfield Shopping Centre, Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford DY6 7SH
01384 287222
Showroom also at: 39 Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 1TW
01902 861908



SHOWROOM OPEN 9am-5pm 6 Days a Week

DO YOU MAKE OR DECORATE CAKES?

Are you looking for a new Sugarcraft supplies store? Perhaps someone who can deliver items to you direct to your door? Are you looking for bulk buy savings?

If the answer is YES to any of the above then call us

EVENING CLASSES FOR CAKE MAKING AND DECORATING FROM £22

Designer/Bespoke cakes for any occasion

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS

Occasional Cakes

Shop 2 Barnett Lane, Kingswinford DY6 9PJ

Telephone 01384 402204

www.occasionalcakesuk.com

WINTER SALE NOW ON...

EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE WEEK

GEOFF HILL

Tel: 01384 395852 or 01384 397271

www.geoffhillltd.co.uk • Open 7 days

7 High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 4DE

WIN! £25

Closing date 29/1/2016

TO SPEND WITH ANY ADVERTISER ON THIS PAGE!!!

To be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer the questions in this panel and send in your answers to the address on the coupon.

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!

1. Who has extended their sale for one week?
2. Who has every kind of timber for every kind of job?
3. Who does fully fitted bathrooms from £3,000 inc. VAT?
4. Who has a Valentine Bash on Saturday, 13th February?
5. Who has a prom dress event on?
6. Who does modern NHS Dentistry with care?

Susan Jones Competition Stourbridge Chronicle Closing Date 29/1/2016
Express and Star, Stourbridge DY8 1AB

Mr/Mrs/Miss ..... First Name ..... Surname .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Tel No. ..... Email .....

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them. Signature .....

I would like to spend my prize money with .....

Rules: Entrants must be 18 or over. Closing date for entries is 19/2/2016. The winner will be notified by post. The first correct entry opened after the closing date will receive the prize. There is no cash alternative to the prize. The prize will be issued in cheque form made payable to the advertiser as chosen by the winner. Once issued the cheque cannot be altered and must be cashed within two months of receipt. Employees or their immediate relatives of the MNA group of companies may NOT enter. The Editor's decision is final. The winner must be prepared to take part in any publicity.

WOODSTOCK TIMBER SUPPLIES LTD

Large stocks of sawn timber
P.S.E. & Sheet Materials
Decking & Accessories

SPECIAL DEALS ON SHED MATERIALS - LOG LAP, SHIP LAP, FEATHER EDGE & NEW SLEEPERS.

Contact Nigel or Dave
Old Bush Street, Off Level Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands
Tel: 01384 572541
Fax: 01384 481756

Order your Valentine's Bouquets Now

Open 9am - 4pm Valentine's Day

Call to order

Delivery available

FLOWER BASKET

11 Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AB
Tel: 01384 371930
www.flower.bkt.co.uk

NHS DENTISTRY CARE

MODERN NHS DENTISTRY WITH CARE

Look great & feel great in 2016

WE ALSO OFFER:

- BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES APPLIED
- ONE TO ONE QUALITY CARE
- DIGITAL XRAY
- SAME DAY URGENT BOOKINGS
- ORTHODONTIC CARE
- CHOICE OF FOUR EXPERT DENTISTS

RICHMOND HOUSE DENTAL PRACTISE
Book your appointment today
01384 390111

NHS

All work guaranteed
135 High Street, Amblecote
Stourbridge DY8 4YY
www.eliassmilecentre.co.uk

severnvalleystoves

There's never been a better time to switch to a log burner

Call now for a Home Visit

HETAS

- Fireplace alterations
- Full installation service available
- Free home surveys

www.severnvalleystoves.com

Wollaston Road, Stourbridge DY8 4HE
01384 390 183

VALENTINE'S BASH

SATURDAY 13th FEBRUARY

@ BAR BRIDGE - STOURBRIDGE

FELIX FAB PLAYING LIVE

FREE MIX CDS

FREE ENTRY ALL NIGHT

R.O.A.R. / DRESS TO IMPRESS

11 Victoria Passage, Stourbridge DY8 1DP

Jessica David

Prom Dress Event Week

Additional new season prom dresses in store especially for this event week.

Free clutch bag with every dress purchased during this event

Come and visit us during half term and have the opportunity to meet
Miss England finalist
Miss Laura Beth Morgan

See website for details
Www.jessicadavid.co.uk

5Heath Lane, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, DY8 1RF.

Robins Timber COMPANY

Every Kind of Timber for every Kind of Job

SPECIAL OFFER on bow top panels ... Call for Details!

SHEET MATERIALS AND DIY SPECIALIST

- SKIRTING • ARCHITRAVE • CLADDING
- INTERNAL DOOR CASES • DECKING • TRELLIS
- STAIR PARTS • ROUGH SAWN & PLANED TIMBER
- GREEN MINERAL FELT • PHONE ORDERS WELCOME
- GARDEN SLEEPERS • WOODEN PLANTERS
- BIRD TABLES • CHIMNEAS
- HAND BUILT LOG STORES

Open 7.30am-4.45pm (Monday - Friday) 8.30am - 12.30pm (Saturdays)
CANALSIDE IND ESTATE, WEDGBURY WAY BRETTELL LANE, BRIERLEY HILL, DY5 3JZ
TEL: 01384 78857 EMAIL: ROBINSTIMBER@BTCONNECT.COM

LANGS OF WOLLASTON

6 YEARS TRADING

Supreme Pork Pie Champion 2014

LOCALLY SOURCED MEAT

Award Winning Home-made:

- ✔ Pork Pies
- ✔ Sausages
- ✔ Home-cured Bacon

28 Day Matured Beef

SUPREME PORK PIE CHAMPION
127 BRIDGNORTH ROAD, STOURBRIDGE DY8 3NX
01384 395460

fast theticket

I spy a winner

Single Spies – Page 19

No ordinary Joe

Joe Jackson – Page 19

NATIVE MONSTER
Entertainment Unleashed

For full listings see **Express & Star** every Friday

Travelstyle COACH HOLIDAYS **FREE BROCHURE 0844 288 0830** or visit travelstyletours.co.uk

THEATRE BREAKS
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
Ticket included
12 MAR • JERSEY BOYS • LION KING
26 MAR • MOTOWN • CHARLIE & CHOC FACTORY
16 APR • PHANTOM OF THE OPERA • LES MISERABLES
30 APR • BEAUTIFUL • KINKY BOOTS • WICKED
14 MAY • JERSEY BOYS • MAMMA MIA
28 MAY • WAR HORSE • MOTOWN • TOM JONES STORY
4 JUN • MAMMA MIA
11 JUN • SUNNY AFTERNOON • BILLY ELLIOT
25 JUN • PHANTOM • LES MIS
16 JUL • MAMMA MIA • BEAUTIFUL
OR CHOOSE A MYSTERY SHOW
MORE DATES... MORE SHOWS... travelstyletours.co.uk
2 DAYS FROM £99.95

BLACKPOOL GRASMERE & WINDERMERE
3 DAYS £99.95
TWO NIGHTS HALF BOARD Hacketts York House Hotel
• Includes tour of the Southern Lakes calling at Grasmere and Bowness on Windermere
FRI 18 MAR, 22 APR, 20 MAY, 17 JUN, 15 JUL

LEGOLAND WINDSOR
2 DAYS £99.95
OVERNIGHT BED & BREAKFAST
• Includes admission to Legoland on both days
SAT 2 APR, 4, 25 JUN, 16, 23 JUL , 6, 13 AUG

LIVERPOOL BEATLES & CHESTER
5 DAYS FROM £189.95
4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Adelphi Hotel
• Includes Beatles Tour & Cavern Club, Mersey River Cruise & Visit to Chester
MON 21 MAR, 18 APR, 16 MAY, 13, 27 JUN, 11, 25 JUL

TORQUAY & EDEN PROJECT
4/5 DAYS FROM £149.95
3/4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Seascape/Bancourt Hotel
• Admission included to Eden Project
4 DAYS FRI 18, 25 MAR, 22, 29 APR, 17 JUN, 22, 29 JUL
5 DAYS MON 28 MAR, 18, 25 APR, 16 MAY, 13, 20, 27 JUN

YORK CRUISE, YORKSHIRE DALES STEAM & BOLTON ABBEY
2 DAYS £79.95
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
• Includes Yorkshire Dales Steam & visits to Bolton Abbey and Roman York plus River Cruise
SAT 26 MAR, 2, 30 APR, 21 MAY, 18 JUN, 9 JUL, 20 AUG, 3 SEP, 1 OCT

LONGLEAT SAFARI Jungle Cruise & Bath
2 DAYS £99.95
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
• Admission to Safari Park, Jungle Cruise, African Village, Longleat House & more plus visit to Bath
SAT 2, 30 APR, 4, 25 JUN, 16 JUL, 27 AUG

ISLE OF ARRAN & LOCH LOMOND CRUISE
5 DAYS £179.95
4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Adamton House Hotel
• Isle of Arran tour & Loch Lomond Cruise
MON 28 MAR, 18 APR, 30 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL

FLYING SCOTSMAN AT SHILDON & BRONTE STEAM
2 DAYS £89.95
OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD
• See Scotsman at Shildon & Bronte Steam Train Ride
SAT 23, 30 JUL

SOUTHPORT KESWICK & SEVEN LAKES
5 DAYS £179.95
4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Scarisbrick Hotel, Southport
• Includes visits to Keswick, Kendal Market, Morecambe, Arnside plus Severn Lakes Circular Tour
MON 18 APR, 16 MAY, 13, 27 JUN, 11, 25 JUL, 1, 15 AUG

BABBACOMBE DEVON STEAM, CRUISE & CREAM TEA
5 DAYS FROM £179.95
4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Norcliffe Hotel
• Includes South Devon steam train ride & River Dart cruise, plus an afternoon Devon cream tea
MON 25 APR, 23, 30 MAY, 6, 20, 27 JUN, 4, 18, 25 JUL

ISLE OF WIGHT
HALF BOARD breaks at seafront Tarvic 2 Hotel, Sandown
• Fabulous sea views • Evening entertainment
• Island coach tour included

4 DAYS FRIDAYS	5 DAYS MONDAYS	8 DAYS FRIDAYS
18, 25 MAR	14, 21, 28 MAR	18, 25 MAR
22, 29 APR	4, 18, 25 APR	22 APR
20, 27 MAY	9, 30 MAY	27 MAY
17, 24 JUN	6, 13, 20, 27 JUN	17, 24 JUN
22, 29 JUL	4, 11, 18, 25 JUL	22, 29 JUL
5, 12, 19 AUG		5, 12, 19 AUG

4/5/8 DAYS FROM £129.95

Explore more: Lake Garda, Austria, Costa Brava, Ostend, Amsterdam, Disneyland, Paris, Ireland **from £189.95**

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, February 11, 2016

5 DAY COACH BREAK TO SCOTLAND - £189

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

Loch Tummel Hotel Perthshire
STB★★★

SPRING CEILIDH BREAK

This 5 day coach break staying at our Loch Tummel Hotel includes a "Ceilidh Night" (Kay-lee), when you will enjoy typical Scottish entertainment with foot tapping music. There will also be an excursion everyday including Balmoral, Braemar, Ballater, St Andrews and entrance into Blair Castle.

TOUR INCLUDES:
- 4 Nights Half Board
- Nightly entertainment
- Excursions

PICKUP FROM:
Birmingham, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall

LOCHS & GLENS HOLIDAYS

Holidays are fully bonded. School Road, Gartocharn, G83 8RW

www.LOCHS.COM 01389 713713

Welcome to Plimbleytravel

FEB 22-26	TENBY - BELGRAVE HOTEL	£219 HB (WITH 99p BAR)
FEB 26-29	SIDMOUTH - ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL (SINGLES BREAK)	£219 HB
MAR 7-11	LLANDUDNO - QUEENS HOTEL	£235 HB
MAR 21-25	TENBY - BELGRAVE HOTEL	£269 ALL-INCL
MAR 21-25	FALMOUTH - MEMBLY HALL HOTEL (SINGLES BREAK)	£249 HB
MAR 28-APR 1	TORQUAY - HEADLAND HOTEL	WAS £265, NOW £245
APR 4-8	PAIGNTON - HOTEL BONAIR	WAS £239, NOW £229
APR 11-15	CRICCIETH - LION HOTEL	£259 HB

LUXURY COACH TRAVEL...

BOOK NOW

Tel: 01902 789723 or 0121 369 0233

APR 18-22	EASTBOURNE - HADDON HALL HOTEL	£275 HB
APR 24-28	INVERNESS - PALACE HOTEL & SPA	£375 ALL-INCL
APR 26-30	ISLE OF MAN - RUTLAND HOTEL	£385 HB
MAY 16-20	PAIGNTON - QUEENS HOTEL	£295 HB
MAY 16-20	TORQUAY - HEADLAND HOTEL	£315 HB
MAY 23-27	EASTBOURNE - CUMBERLAND HOTEL	£269 HB
MAY 23-27	WEYMOUTH - FAIRHAVEN HOTEL	£315 HB

...WITH DOOR TO DOOR PICK UPS

Web: www.plimbleytravel.co.uk

THE GLASSCUTTERS ARMS

Regular Guest Beers, Every 2 Weeks
Including Enville & Holdens

All Premier League Football Shown
Free Snacks During Matches

Open: Monday- Thursday 3pm- 11.30
Friday 3pm- 12 • Saturday 12.30pm- 12
Sunday 12pm- 11
9 BARNETT STREET, WORDSLEY, DY8 5QL

Gabrielle Aplin

Sunday, 7pm
O2 Institute, Bham
Spend Valentine's Day evening with the 23-year-old singer-songwriter from Wiltshire who has had success in the UK and Australia with her albums English Rain and Light Up The Dark.
www.o2institutebirmingham.co.uk

NME Awards Tour 2016

Friday, 6pm
O2 Academy, B'ham
The bill is topped by Bloc Party but younger fans will want to see Rat Boy (pictured) sing about video games and fake ID. Drenge and Bugzy Malone also feature.
Visit **www.academymusicgroup.com**

Ezra Furman

Tuesday, 7pm
Glee Club, B'ham
As seen on Later with Jools Holland, this true original from Chicago, now based in San Francisco, has won fans with his Perpetual Motion People album.
Visit **www.glee.co.uk**

CBSO Benevolent Fund Concert

Sunday, 3pm
Symphony Hall, B'ham
The Ukrainian violinist, Valeriy Sokolov, performs with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of John Wilson, in aid of a good cause.
Visit **www.thsh.co.uk**

POP & ROCK

The Sherlocks
Tue at 7pm - 11pm, £8
The Rainbow, Birmingham,
B12 0LD. Call 0121 753 1818

Snuff
Sat at 7pm, £15
Wolverhampton Slade Rooms,
WV1 1RQ.
Call 0870 320 7000

Soul Junction
Sat at 7pm,
The RoadHouse Birmingham,
B30 3DZ. Call 0121 246 2273

Blank Parody
Sat at 7pm,
The Rainbow, Birmingham,
B12 0LD. Call 0121 753 1818

Terry And Gerry
Wed at 7pm,
Hare & Hounds,
Kings Heath, Birmingham,
B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

The World Is A Beautiful Place & I Am No Longer Afraid To Die + Mewithoutyou
Fri at 6pm, £10
The Institute,
Digbeth, Birmingham,
B5 6DY. Call 0121 643 0428

Ezra Furman
Tue at 7pm - 11pm, £12.50
The Glee Club, Birmingham,
B5 4TD. Call 0871 472 0400

The Mersey Beatles: The Beatles Tribute
Sun at 7pm, £16.50
Hare & Hounds,
Kings Heath, Birmingham,
B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Jesse Malin
Thu at 7pm,
The Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Fatherson
Mon at 7pm - 11pm,
The Rainbow, Birmingham,
B12 0LD. Call 0121 753 1818

Mystery Jets
Thu at 7pm - 11pm,
The Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Graham Bonnet Band
Fri at 7pm,
Wolverhampton Slade Rooms,
WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

Slipknot
Fri at 7pm,
Genting Arena,
Birmingham, B40 1NT.
Call 0121 780 4141

Heather Small – The Voice Of M People
Wed at 9pm,
The Jam House,
Birmingham, B31QU.
Call 0121 200 3030

Money
Thu at 8pm - 11pm,
Hare & Hounds,
Kings Heath, Birmingham,
B14 7JZ.
Call 0844 870 0000

Kerrang Tour 2016
Fri at 6.30pm - 10pm,
The Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Johnny 2 Bad: UB40 Tribute
Thu at 9.30pm,
The Jam House,
Birmingham, B31QU.
Call 0121 200 3030

Hue And Cry
Tue at 7.30pm,
The Robin 2, Bilston,
WV14 7LJ.
Call 01902 401211

NME Awards Tour 2016
Fri at 7pm,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250

Up4 The Downstroke
Fri at 9pm, Sat at 9pm, £5 - £10
The Jam House,
Birmingham, B31QU.
Call 0121 200 3030

Bars And Melody
Wed at 6pm, £20
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

Emilia Martensson
Fri at 8.30pm,
The Glee Club,
Birmingham, B5 4TD.
Call 0871 472 0400

Raymond Froggatt
Sun at 8.30pm, £17
The Robin 2, Bilston,
WV14 7LJ.
Call 01902 401211

Gabrielle Aplin
Sun at 7pm, £12.50
The Institute, Digbeth,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Sanchez & Romain Virgo
Sun at 6pm,
O2 Academy Birmingham,
B1 1DB.
Call 0121 622 8250

Symphony X
Fri at 8.30pm, £17
The Robin 2, Bilston,
WV14 7LJ.
Call 01902 401211

The Definitive Elvis Experience
Sat at 7.30pm,
Prince Of Wales Centre,
Cannock, WS11 1DE.
Call 01543 578762

All Time Low
Sat at 6pm, £28.20
Barclaycard Arena,
Birmingham, B1 2AA.
Call 0121 780 4141

FOLK & ACOUSTIC

Willie And The Bandits
Thu at 7.30pm, £10
The Robin, Bilston,
WV14 7LJ.
Call 01902 401211

Christopher Paul Stelling
Wed at 7.30pm,
Hare & Hounds, 1
Kings Heath, Birmingham,
B14 7JZ. Call 0844 870 0000

Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker & John Doyle
Sun at 8pm,
mac, Cannon Hill Road,
Birmingham, B12 9QH.
Call 0121 446 3232

Pete Kent
Wed at 7.30pm,
The Robin 2, Bilston,
WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

The Legends Of American Country Show: Tribute
Mon at 8pm,
The Robin 2, Bilston,
WV14 7LJ. Call 01902 401211

Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats
Mon at 7pm, £10
The Institute,
Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Runrig
Thu at 8pm
Symphony Hall, Birmingham,
B1 2EA.
Call 0121 780 3333

JAZZ & BLUES

The Tim Amann X-Tet
Tue at 8.30pm,
The Jam House,
Birmingham, B31QU.
Call 0121 200 3030

CLASSICAL & OTHER MUSIC

Hermes Ensemble
Fri at 1.10pm,
Barber Institute of Fine Arts,
University of Birmingham,
B15 2TS. Call 0121 414 7333

The En Suite Electric Band
Fri at 7pm,
Symphony Hall,
Birmingham, B1 2EA.
Call 0121 780 3333

Fidelio Trio
Wed at 7.30pm,
Barber Institute of Fine Arts,
University of Birmingham,
B15 2TS. Call 0121 414 7333

BICS 2015/16 Maria Joao Pires And Milos Popovic In Recital
Fri at 1pm,
Birmingham Town Hall,
B3 3DQ.
Call 0121 780 3333

Emma Johnson & Mozart's Clarinet Concerto
Wed at 2.30pm - 4.30pm,
Birmingham Town Hall,
B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

CBSO Benevolent Fund Concert
Sun at 3pm,
Symphony Hall,
Birmingham, B1 2EA.
Call 0121 780 3333

CBSO 2015-16 - Tchaikovsky's Sixth
Wed at 7.30pm, £12.50 - £45
Symphony Hall,
Birmingham, B1 2EA.
Call 0121 780 3333

CBSO 2015-16 - Beethoven Piano Concertos
Sat at 3pm, £12.50 - £45
Symphony Hall, Birmingham,
B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

The Big Band Evening
Sun at 8pm, £2
Great Wyrley Sports & Social Club,
Walsall Road, WS6 6DP
Call 01543 502997

THEATRE

The Simon And Garfunkel Story
Sat at 7.30pm, £17.50
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre,
ST16 2LT.
Call 01785 254653

Egg And Spoon (Under 5s)
Tue at 1.30pm, 3.30pm,
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre,
ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

The Lost Things
Thu at 11.30am, 2.30pm,
mac, Cannon Hill Road,
Birmingham, B12 9QH.
Call 0121 446 3232

Jersey Boys
Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm,
7.30pm, Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at
7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm,
Thu at 2.30pm, 7.30pm,
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre,
WV1 1DE.
Call 01902 573320

Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?: Stafford Players
Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.30pm,
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre,
ST16 2LT.
Call 01785 254653

20 Stories High And Theatre-Rites: The Broke 'N' Beat Collective
Tue at 5pm, 8pm, Wed at 8pm,
mac, Cannon Hill Road,
Birmingham, B12 9QH.
Call 0121 446 3232

Of Mice And Men
Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.30pm,
£8.50 - £35
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Private Lives
Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm,
7.30pm,
New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham, B5 4DS.
Call 0844 871 3011

Impossible
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm,
Thu at 2.30pm, 7.30pm,
New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham, B5 4DS.
Call 0844 871 3011

Single Spies
Wed at 7.30pm, Thu at 2pm,
7pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Cabaret XXL 2016
Thu at 9.30pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Dinosaur Zoo Meet The T Rex
Sat at 1pm, 3.30pm, Sun at
11pm, Mon at 2pm,
Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ.
Call 0121 780 3333

Kite
Tue at 11.30am, 2.30pm, Wed at
11.30am, 2.30pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Cinderella: Krazy Kat Theatre
Sat at 11.30am - 1.50pm, 2pm -
4.20pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty
Fri at 7.30pm - 10pm, Sat at 2pm
- 4.30pm, 7.30pm - 10pm, £18.50
- £42.50
Birmingham Hippodrome,
B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Stags And Hens
Fri at 7.30pm,
Prince Of Wales Centre,
Cannock, WS11 1DE.
Call 01543 578762

Birmingham Royal Ballet: The Dream & A Month In The Country
Wed at 7.30pm, Thu at 2pm,
7.30pm, £10 - £26
Birmingham Hippodrome,
B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

COMEDY

Brian Conley: Alive And Dangerous
Thu at 8pm,
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre,
ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

Jimeoin: Yeehaa
Tue at 7pm,
Wolverhampton Slad Rooms,
WV1 1RQ.
Call 0870 320 7000

Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

Seeing the funny side of treachery

Nicholas Farrell, Belinda Lang and David Robb in Single Spies, being staged at Birmingham Rep picture by Hugo Glendinning

TREACHERY has never been more entertaining than in Single Spies.

This double bill of comedies by Alan Bennett is being staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre next week.

Single Spies runs from February 17 to 27 and is directed by Olivier Award-nominated Rachel Kavanaugh, the former artistic director of Birmingham Rep.

Bennett's award-winning espionage double bill is a pointedly satirical snapshot of two infamous spies, Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt. Both rose to prominent positions in the British establishment but had been recruited as agents by the Soviet Union when students in the 1930s.

An Englishman Abroad chronicles actress Coral Browne's meeting with Burgess as he tried to adapt to life as a Soviet citizen in 1950s Moscow.

A Question of Attribution gives us a glimpse into Blunt's double-life as an art historian to royalty and a Soviet spy, which culminates in a sharp interrogation by the Queen.

An Englishman Abroad and A Question of Attribution stars David Robb – recently seen as Dr Clarkson in Downton Abbey – with Belinda Lang and Nicholas Farrell. Tickets are £13.50 to £35, see www.birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

It's Joe on Fast Forward

SINGER-SONGWRITER Joe Jackson will headline Birmingham's O2 Institute tonight (Thu) to promote his latest album, Fast Forward.

Staffordshire-born Jackson found fame in 1979 with Is She Really Going Out With Him? and It's Different For Girls, and had another major hit with Steppin' Out three years later. Now he is touring Europe with his first collection of original songs in seven years. The album was released in October 2 to a host of excellent reviews.

The tour kicked off in Dublin last week and will end in Berlin, Jackson's second home, in March. The career-spanning shows will feature Jackson as his own opening act. He will play a short solo/piano set before bringing out his full band.

Fast Forward was written in four cities: New York, New Orleans, Berlin and Amsterdam. Jackson says: "Mostly it was the musicians that drew me to those places rather than the places themselves, and a few of the songs were kind of obvious. I mean, like 'Kings Of The City' is definitely a New York song, 'If I Could See Your Face' is definitely a Berlin song, and 'Neon Rain,' I was thinking about New Orleans when I wrote it.

"You know, if anyone asked me to describe my new album, or how I feel about it or anything like that, I just say it's great. I mean, I have no guarantees that anyone else in the world is gonna think so, so I think it may as well start out with me thinking that."

Telegram kick off tour at Brum pub

LONDON band Telegram, the new darlings of the indie scene, will give local rock fans the chance to find out what the fuss is about at Birmingham's Hare and Hounds tonight (Thu).

Meanwhile, in the Kings Heath pub's other room that night will be fast-rising Mancunian indie rockers Spring King.

Brighton band Fickle Friends, fronted by singer Natassja Shiner, celebrate their new major label deal by playing Stourbridge River Rooms tomorrow (Fri). That's the same night the Kerrang! Tour rolls into Brum with Sum 41, Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes, ROAM and Biters at The O2 Institute in Digbeth.

Illusionists ready to do the Impossible

SPECTACULAR magic show Impossible is bringing six top illusionists and magicians to the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, from Tuesday to Saturday, February 20.

The show promises death-defying stunts, grand stage illusions and close-up magic. The line-up includes daredevil escapologist Jonathan Goodwin; from Britain's Got Talent, James More; Cirque du Soleil trickster Lee Thompson; London conjurer and break-dancer Magical Bones; mind reader Chris Cox; and former Young Magician of the Year Ben Hart.

See www.atgtickets.com/birmingham for further details.

Classic rock and acoustic guitar

GRAHAM Bonnet, the voice of Rainbow's Since You've Been Gone, brings his band to Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms tomorrow (Fri).

There's a treat for Pink Floyd fans on Saturday at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham when Symphonic Pink Floyd will be performing Wish You Were Here plus a selection of other Floyd favourites with a 55 piece orchestra, to the backdrop of Fritz Lang's early sci-fi classic Metropolis.

The Counterfeit Stones play Bilston's Robin 2 on Saturday. Acoustic fingerstyle guitarist Pete Kent is at the same venue on Wednesday, February 17.

PARRYS INTERNATIONAL
NATIONAL COACH TOURISM AWARDS 2016
Finalist
Coach Tour Operator

Britain's finest Coach Tour Fleet

- British Coach Holidays
- Quality European Tours
- London Theatre Weekends
  From only £99.50
- Ireland

NEW 2016 BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE
Or view online at parrys-international.co.uk
Landywood Green, Cheslyn Hay WS6 7QX
CALL ☎ 01922 414576

theticket
The HOTTEST Place To ADVERTISE Your Venue
To get the star treatment
call one of our helpful advisors on
01902 319191

CHOICE

Ricky Wilson

The Voice UK (BBC1, 7.15pm)
Time is running out for Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson to build their teams, as the contest reaches the sixth and penultimate round of 'blind auditions'. This week, the superstar coaches hear from former UK Eurovision entrant Paul Phoenix, and Mike Berry, the former pop star perhaps better known for his work as an actor in Are You Being Served? and Worzel Gummidge. Also taking to the stage are rocker Rick Snowdon, who aims to impress with his unique voice, and Jordan Gray, who hopes to offer an inspiring example with her performance. Plus, 21-year-old Jolan from Cumbria, and Luton-based singer Mia Sylvester, both of whom have auditioned on The Voice in the past.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Ireland (Kick-off 2.25pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v Scotland (Kick-off 4.50pm).

6.55 BBC News.

7.05 Regional Programme.

7.15 The Voice UK. Rocker Rick Snowdon and would-be inspiration Jordan Gray take to the stage, along with former Voice auditionees Mia Sylvester and Jolan in the sixth round of 'blind auditions'.

8.30 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List. Hannah and Joe from Eastbourne, East Sussex, seek to win items from their personal wish list. Plus, Wet Wet Wet join Gaby Roslin for the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.20 Casualty. Valentine's Day arrives in Holby, and for Connie, the day brings a reunion with old flame Sam, who has returned from New York with Connie's estranged daughter Grace. The pair's arrival on the ED is no social call, though, as Sam's new girlfriend Emma has fallen critically ill, and requires urgent surgery. Ethan is furious at Cal for his deception, and as tensions rise to boiling point, the pair end up brawling in resus. Elsewhere, Big Mac becomes an overnight celebrity, Lofty struggles with the management element of his new job, and Max arranges a date with a woman who looks remarkably like Zoe. Medical drama, starring Amanda Mealing.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Sunderland v Manchester United and Chelsea v Newcastle United; National Lottery Update.

11.55 Film: Meet the Parents. (2000) A male nurse makes a disastrous bid to impress his girlfriend's father – a former CIA agent who does not suffer fools gladly. Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller.

1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Film: Battle Cry. (1955) **8.45 Film:** The Desperados. (1969) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.45** Rick Stein's India. (R) **1.45** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **2.15** Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Earth's Greatest Spectacles. (R)

6.30 Back in Time for the Weekend. The Ashby-Hawkins family sample life in the 1960s and with more money to go around, there's more fun to be had. Dad Rob and son Seth take on football legend Trevor Brooking for a game of Subbuteo in the dining room, and Daisy and mum Steph meet Sandie Shaw to discover how the decade's daring fashions reflected the growing freedoms and confidence enjoyed by the younger generation. (R)

7.30 Henry VII: Winter King. Documentary in which author Thomas Penn examines the reign of the first Tudor monarch – from his victory at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 to his death in 1509. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. A daring bid to rescue Walker and Godfrey from a stricken pumping station ends with Mainwaring and his whole platoon trapped and facing the prospect of drowning. (R)

9.00 The Real Marigold Hotel. The group enjoy the final week of their experiment in Jaipur and attend one of the highlights of the Hindu calendar, the Ganesh Chaturti festival. Last in the series. (R)

10.00 Live at the Apollo. Katherine Ryan comperes an evening of stand-up at London's Hammersmith Apollo, performing and introducing routines by guests Henning Wehn and James Acaster. (R)

10.45 Insert Name Here. Paul Hollywood, Kate Williams, Joe Lycett and Sara Pascoe join Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer questions about famous people who share a name. Last in the series. (R)

11.15 Film: There Will Be Blood. (2007) A prospector's single-minded pursuit of wealth leads him into conflict with a priest over control of an oil-rich town. Historical drama, starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Paul Dano.

1.45 Film: Primeval. (2007) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Signed Stories. (R) **6.55** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Jessie. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25 Film:** Columbo: It's All in the Game. (1993) **11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **1.30** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.30** Tipping Point. (R) **3.30** Doc Martin. (R) **4.30** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates more comical viewer-submitted videos, including an old lady cocooned in silly string, and a boy's unfortunate encounter with a pelican.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. The grand final arrives, and Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara invite the 15 most successful competitors to compete for the title of Ninja Warrior UK. Last in the series.

8.00 Take Me Out. Scott, a mannequin sculptor from London, Leeds-based dentist Keshav, Newcastle electrician Cory and Adam, a labourer from Bedfordshire enter the "love lift" in the hope of impressing Paddy McGuinness's 30 single women. However, to win a date they must first convince the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Plus, Paddy provides an update on last week's couples from the Isle of Fernandos.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. Sacha Baron Cohen joins Jonathan in the studio, in-character as Nobby, the star of his latest comedy outing Grimsby. Plus, Stephen Fry, Amy Poehler and Shawn Mendes.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Twins. (1988) Genetically designed twin brothers who were separated at birth set out on an adventure in search of their unknown mother. Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito.

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Frostgun Invitational. **7.30** Tenerife Blue Trail. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Warwick. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. Businesswoman Tracy hosts the final dinner party in Weston-super-Mare. Her evening includes dance lessons, a black-tie dress code, and steak cooked to order. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on another waterway adventure, starting in the romantic city of Oxford, where they began their courtship many years ago. They follow the gentle contours of the Oxford Canal through the Cherwell Valley, where they meet novelist Philip Pullman and are joined by their son, fellow actor Samuel West. (R)

8.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. New series. The actress is in Devon and Cornwall as she explores more of the nation's smallest communities, visiting a former silver-mining village and a cliff-edge fishing village. Previously seen on More4.

9.00 Film: Escape Plan. (2013) Premiere. A security expert is framed for a crime he did not commit, and sent to an escape-proof prison of his own design. He hatches a plan to break out, but to succeed he will need the help of a long-term convict – who wants his own freedom in return for assistance. Thriller, with Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

11.20 Film: Predator. (1987) Soldiers on a mission in a Central American jungle is stalked by an invisible alien hunter in search of human prey. Sci-fi thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Carl Weathers.

1.20 Hollyoaks. (R) **3.35** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.20** 1001 Things You Should Know. (R) **5.50** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show. **11.30** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **2.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. The documentary focuses on two disputes that developed from complaints about noise-making. (R)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 World War II in Colour. A look at how Nazi U-boats' efforts to sever transatlantic supply lines and the Allied firebombing of German cities affected the course of the conflict as efforts were made to develop new weapons and strategies to bring a rapid end to hostilities. (R)

8.00 Nazi Quest for the Holy Grail. Documentary examining the story of the Nazis' mission to rediscover the lost Aryan race and retrieve their forgotten secrets – including the Holy Grail. (R)

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches in the Championship, including Queens Park Rangers v Fulham and Reading v Burnley.

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of all the goals and talking points from League One and League Two, including Coventry City v Bury and York City v Notts County.

10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The boyfriend of a missing woman implicates her ex-con neighbour – who Stabler helped put in prison 19 years earlier. Guest starring Stephen Rea. (R)

11.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler are called on to investigate when a man contacts the police after discovering a dead woman in his bed. Crime drama, starring Christopher Meloni. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Great British Benefits Handout. (R) **4.00** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** HouseBusters. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.20** Don't Tell the Bride **8.20** Top Gear **9.20 Film:** Meet the Fockers (2004) **11.10** Family Guy **1.00** Him & Her: The Wedding **3.30** The Revolution Will Be Televised **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 How Earth Made Us **8.00** Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered **9.00** Trapped **10.40** Motown at the BBC **11.40** Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend **12.40** Sings Motown **1.40** Top of the Pops: 1981 **3.00** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **4.00** Close

ITV2
11.00 Ninja Warrior UK **12.00** Scorpion **1.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold The Next Generation **2.35 Film:** Beethoven (1992) **4.25** Catchphrase **5.10 Film:** Despicable Me (2010) **7.05 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.20** Secret Dates **11.20** Ibiza Weekender **12.20** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.50** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **1.50** Reality Bites **2.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.40 A Touch of Frost **1.50** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **4.00 Film:** Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore (1976) **6.05** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **12.00** Blue Murder **1.35** Man About the House **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
12.30 Live Snooker Shootout **5.20** Storage Wars **6.15** Football's Greatest: Zinedine Zidane **6.30** Live Snooker Shootout **11.20 Film:** The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996) **1.45** River Monsters **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.30** The Goldbergs **1.30** The Jump **3.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Magic Mike (2012) **11.15** Gogglebox **1.25** Virtually Famous **2.10** The IT Crowd **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.45** Rules of Engagement **4.30** Revenge

Film4
11.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) **1.00** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.05** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **5.00** The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud (2010) **6.55** Field of Dreams (1989) **9.00** Ted (2012) **11.05** Evil Dead (2013) **1.00** Intruders (2011) **3.10** Close

St CHRISTOPHER'S
CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Could you change a child's life?

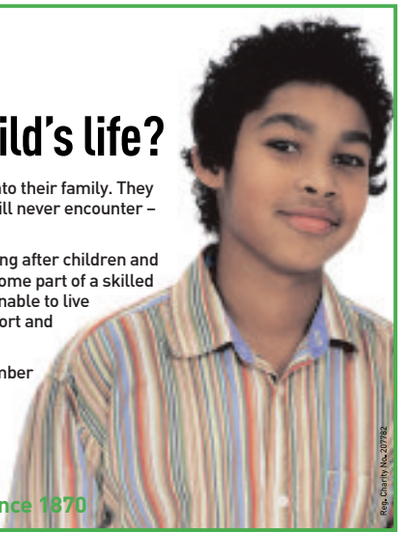
Foster carers welcome a child into their home and into their family. They work with them through challenges many parents will never encounter – and reap rewards they may never experience.

St Christopher's is a local charity that has been looking after children and young people since 1870. Foster with us and you become part of a skilled and dedicated team looking after children who are unable to live with their families. We provide full training and support and pay an allowance of at least £400 a week.

Want to know more? Visit our website or call the number below to speak with one of our friendly team.

www.stchris.org.uk/fostering
0800 234 6282 @stchris1870

Caring for children and young people since 1870



Reg. Charity No. 207182

Still time to book your perfect getaway

LAST BOOKINGS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016.

HOLIDAYS from £10* PP

Express & Star

Here are six passwords:
BEACH
BALL
SPADE
DECKCHAIR
CASTLE
CARAVAN

To book visit:
www.expressandstar.co.uk/tenpoundholidays
and follow the instructions online to book.

*Prices are based on a minimum of four people (fewer than four can stay from a minimum price of £40, depending on date of break). Online booking fee of £3 applies as well as service and optional entertainment charges. Token/password collect promotion.

BEX HOMECARE

TOO BUSY FOR HOUSEWORK?
Can't keep up with the jobs that need doing?
Or just want to spend more time with the family?
WHY NOT LET US HELP OUT?
No job is too big or too small for us to do. We offer weekly, monthly or just one off cleans.
We offer a full house cleaning service so with just one call all your household chores can be dealt with.
We offer competitive rates, our staff are all fully experienced
We are also fully insured.
So why not give us a call and see how we can help?
———CONTACT BECKY ON———
08006440118 Mobile: 07946883108

CHOICE

Dylan Hartley

Live Six Nations Rugby Union
ITV, 1pm)
Italy v England (Kick-off 2.00pm). Coverage of the match from Stadio Olimpico in Rome, where the second round of fixtures is brought to a conclusion. England have never lost against the Italians, and when they last travelled to the Eternal City for a Six Nations encounter they recorded an emphatic 52-11 victory, scoring seven tries in the process. The Azzurri will certainly look to improve on that performance, and on their showing in last year's tournament as a whole, when they managed one victory over Scotland but were soundly beaten by the rest of the opposition, which included home losses to Ireland, France and Wales.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** The Truth About Fat. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.35** Nature's Miracle Orphans.

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore the Norfolk Broads, meeting student gamekeepers, learning how to prepare venison, and discovering how a naturalist has helped cranes to return to the area after 400 years. Adam Henson visits a farm where egg production is being carried out on a massive scale. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Dr Turner and Shelagh are at the forefront of the advances in medical technology, and begin a campaign to ensure better respiratory health for their patients. However, Timothy fears their own lifestyle is not good for them and tries to encourage his parents to give up smoking. Violet injures her back and is forced to leave the shop in Fred's hands, a decision that strengthens their relationship but which proves to have other, unforeseen consequences.

9.00 British Academy Film Awards. Coverage of the awards ceremony, hosted by Stephen Fry from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Films in the running for awards this year are The Revenant, Ex Machina, Spotlight, The Danish Girl, Amy, The Big Short, Bridge of Spies, Carol, 45 Years, Amy, Brooklyn and The Lobster, while actors nominated for awards include Michael Fassbender, Eddie Redmayne, Cate Blanchett, Maggie Smith, Idris Elba, Christian Bale, Kate Winslet and Julie Walters.

11.00 BBC News.

11.20 Regional Programme.

11.30 Film: While You Were Sleeping. (1995) A train-station attendant poses as the fiancee of a comatose man, but ends up in a quandary when she falls for his brother. Romantic comedy, with Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.30** The Secret History of the British Garden. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.45** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.30 Film:** 84 Charing Cross Road. (1987) Romantic drama, starring Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins. **3.00 Film:** The Importance of Being Earnest. (2002) Oscar Wilde comedy, starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. **4.30** Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best? (R) **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.15 Ski Sunday. Action from the women's downhill race at the World Cup event in Crans Montana, Switzerland, where American Lindsey Vonn will be the focus of much attention.

7.00 Six Nations Highlights. John Inverdale is joined by Lewis Moody and Jonathan Davies to present action from the second round of the 2016 championship, featuring France v Ireland at Stade de France, Wales v Scotland at Principality Stadium, and Italy v England at Stadio Olimpico.

8.00 Greece with Simon Reeve. Part two of two. Simon travels from the Peloponnese peninsula into the mountainous north of the country. He meets local people including a group of rebel monks and conservationists caring for an injured bear, and discovers how they are coping with the political crises affecting Greece.

9.00 Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth. New series. Series exploring new year celebrations in China, through the personal stories of people involved in traditional celebrations, as well as those whose livelihoods are dependant on the holiday.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which were Arsenal v Leicester City, Aston Villa v Liverpool, and Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.10 Film: Tron: Legacy. (2010) A man searching for his father is sucked into a computer-generated world and must compete in gladiatorial combat. Sci-fi adventure, starring Jeff Bridges and Garrett Hedlund.

1.05 Film: Steal. (2002) **2.25** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.20** Holby City. (R) **4.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **6.50** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.55** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25 Film:** Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes. (2000) **11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Off Their Rockers. (R) **1.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v England (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.30** Big Box Little Box. (R) **5.00** Ninja Warrior UK. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.35 Planet's Got Talent. Unusual acts including an Indian contestant who gets run over by a steamroller, a Chinese yo-yo master and a dog that sings Whitney Houston songs. Narrated by Warwick Davis.

7.05 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. A fearsome clan of raiders launches a surprise attack on Herot, and Beowulf has to come up with a strategy to outwit his enemies and protect his own tribe.

8.00 Vera. DCI Stanhope and her team, including new recruit DC Hicham Cherradi, travel to a remote country house when the woman looking after it is killed. No sooner have they arrived, than a second body is discovered. Vera discovers the two victims met the night before their deaths, and goes in search of a connection between them. Forensics evidence reveals that one was definitely present when the other died.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Rookies. Documentary filmed over the course of a year following trainee officers in Lincolnshire Police. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 12th round of fixtures, including Northampton Saints v London Irish, Newcastle Falcons v Leicester Tigers, Sale Sharks v Exeter Chiefs and Saracens v Wasps.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **2.35 Film:** The Harry Hill Movie. (2013) Premiere. Comedy, starring Harry Hill. **4.20** The Simpsons. (R) **4.50** The Simpsons. (R) **5.20** Channel 4 News. **5.40 Film:** Mr Popper's Penguins. (2011) Family comedy, starring Jim Carrey.

7.30 The Jump. Davina McCall presents the third stage of the winter sports challenge as the celebrity contestants face their fastest challenge so far in the speed ski event. The losing competitor from each race will then have to take part in the Jump to decide which of them will be eliminated from the contest.

9.00 Deutschland 83. Double bill. Moritz receives a shocking order, and realises the extent of his superiors' paranoia when a training exercise in the West is mistaken for a preemptive attack. He returns to the East in a bid to prevent a war and finds himself an outcast on both sides of the Iron Curtain, but risks his life to save Yvonne from the Stasi. Ingrid comes to Thomas's rescue, and Alex is forced to confront his own demons. In German. Last in the series.

10.45 Film: Predator 2. (1990) A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it is the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.

12.45 Embarrassing Bodies: Back to the Clinic. Christian Jessen, Pixie McKenna and Dawn Harper revisit patients from previous clinics to catch up with the state of their health. (R) **1.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.05** Undercover Boss USA. Catherine Monson, president and CEO of Fastsigns International, goes undercover to learn more about the manufacturing side of the company. (R) **4.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. In this bite-sized edition, Kirstie Allsopp competes in the Something New from Something Old competition at the Royal Wales Show, creating vintage paper jewellery. (R) **5.05** Beat My Build. Renovation challenge in which two builders are pitted against one another to overshadow their competitor's work and make the most profit from their project. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.25** LazyTown. (R) **9.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.20** Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45 Film:** Mr Holland's Opus. (1995) Drama, starring Richard Dreyfuss. **3.20 Film:** Housesitter. (1992) Romantic comedy, starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn. **5.20 Film:** What a Girl Wants. (2003) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes.

7.25 5 News Weekend.

7.30 Film: Jumper. (2008) A man discovers he has the ability to teleport, a talent he cleverly exploits to rob banks undetected while living a life of luxury all over the world. However, he soon learns he is not the only one with this power – and that a secret society of religious fanatics is determined to wipe out him and all of his kind. Fantasy thriller, with Hayden Christensen, Jamie Bell and Samuel L Jackson. Edited for language.

9.00 Film: Homefront. (2013) Premiere. A drug enforcement agent quits his job and relocates to a small town hoping to protect his daughter from the violent world he has to deal with. However, he is forced back into his old life when he finds his new home has a criminal underbelly dominated by a narcotics kingpin. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham, James Franco and Winona Ryder. Edited for language.

11.05 Film: Revolver. (2005) A gambler is helped by two enigmatic loan sharks to exact revenge on his deranged former boss for landing him in jail. Guy Ritchie's crime drama, with Jason Statham and Ray Liotta.

1.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Prison Brides. The phenomenon of weddings conducted inside prisons. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.20** Great Scientists. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **7.10** The Voice UK **8.30** EE British Academy Film Awards: Red Carpet **9.00 Film:** Little Fockers (2010) **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.10** Family Guy **12.30** Russell Howard's Good News **1.00** Professor Green: Hidden and Homeless **2.00** Siblings **3.00** Murder Games: The Life and Death of Breck Bednar **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Horizon: Swallowed by a Black Hole **8.00** The Sky at Night **8.30** Canals – The Making of a Nation **9.00** Storyville: Decadence & Downfall – The Shah of Iran's Ultimate Party **10.15 Film:** Therese Desqueyroux (2012) **12.00** Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark **1.00** Canals – The Making of a Nation **1.30** Rock 'n' Roll America **2.30** Sounds of the Eighties **3.00** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **4.00** Close

ITV2
11.55 Take Me Out **1.05** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.10 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **4.15 Film:** Legally Blonde (2001) **6.10** Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special **7.15 Film:** Along Came Polly (2004) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Love Fix **11.00 Film:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **1.15** Release the Hounds **2.05** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3
12.25 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **1.35** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **3.55** Lewis **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **9.00** Caroline Quentin: A Passage Through India **10.00** Mrs Biggs **11.00 Film:** The Constant Gardener (2005) **1.30** Ghostboat **2.45** A Touch of Frost **4.30** On the Buses **5.20** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.30 Pawn Stars **1.30** Live Snooker Shootout **4.15** Storage Wars: Texas **5.10** The Classic Car Show **6.15** Goals of the 90s **6.30** Live Snooker Shootout **9.20 Film:** Sudden Impact (1983) **11.45 Film:** Mercury Rising (1998) **2.00** Ax Men **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.30 Film:** Furry Vengeance (2010) **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** Rude Tube **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.10** The IT Crowd **2.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.55** The Inbetweeners **3.45** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **1.00** Pride and Prejudice (2005) **3.40** Anna Karenina (2012) **6.25** Twilight (2008) **9.00** Kick-Ass (2010) **11.15** Compliance (2012) **1.00** Wild Things (1998) **3.15** Close

IMPORTANT NOTICE
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
ELECTION 2016

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION AS IT AFFECTS YOUR DECISION TO HAVE AN INPUT IN THE FUTURE OF OUR POLICE FORCE.

- WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR POLICE FORCE PERFORMING BETTER, MORE COMPETENT AND ACCOUNTABLE?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATIONS REOPEN?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE POLICE OFFICERS ON OUR STREETS?
- WHEN YOU CALL THE POLICE DO YOU EXPECT A BETTER RESPONSE?
- DO YOU FEEL YOUR POLICE FORCE IS POLITICALLY RUN?
- DO YOU FEEL POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED MORE THOROUGHLY WHEN A COMPLAINT IS MADE BY THE PUBLIC AND COMPLAINTS WHERE REQUIRED SHOULD BE OVERSEEN BY YOUR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER, AND IF NEED BE, NON INFLUENTIAL PARTIES?
- DO YOU FEEL THAT ANY POLICE OFFICER THAT CAUSES INJURY OR DEATH TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHILST DRIVING A POLICE VEHICLE SHOULD FACE MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES, RATHER THAN THE RECENT CASE IN JAN 2015 WHERE A POLICE OFFICER WAS ACQUITTED FOR CAUSING DEATH BY CARELESS DRIVING? IF THAT WERE YOU OR I, THEY WOULD HAVE THROWN THE BOOK AT US.
- HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM OF CRIME WHEREBY YOU FELT THE RESPONSE WAS POOR, OR HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME WHEREBY YOU HAVE BEEN OFFERED NOTHING MORE THAN A CRIME NUMBER?
- DO YOU FEEL THE CHIEF CONSTABLE SHOULD BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS OFFICERS ACTIONS?
- DO YOU FEEL THE CHIEF CONSTABLE SHOULD BE MADE MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY POOR PERFORMANCE UNDER HIS CONTROL, AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TERMS OF HIS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT BE REVIEWED AT ANYTIME?

WEBSITE – pccwmp2016.com E MAIL - pccwmp@yahoo.co.uk

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO ANY OR ALL OF THE STATED, THEN TO CHANGE THIS I NEED YOUR VOTE. VOTE FOR ME – DEAN EGAN AT THE NEXT POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS VOTING DAY IN 2016.
UNLIKE SOME OF MY CONTENDERS, I AM NOT CONNECTED TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY, THUS, NO PRESSURE CAN BE IMPOSED ON ME FROM THOSE RUNNING OUR COUNTRY, THUS, ANY INVESTIGATIONS OR DECISION THAT I MAKE, CANNOT BE INTERFERED WITH BY ANY POLITICAL LEADER.
YOUR CURRENT POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER IS PART OF THE LABOUR PARTY AND LETS NOT FORGET, SINCE ONLY BEING IN POST SOME 12 MONTHS, WE HAVE LOST 1600 POLICE OFFICERS, 28 POLICE STATION CLOSURES, STAFF ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS AND THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG, REMEMBER THE LABOUR PARTY RAN OUR GOVERNMENT FOR MANY YEARS AND LOOK WHERE THAT'S LEFT OUR COUNTRY. DO NOT CHOOSE ANOTHER POLITICAL PUPPET; CHOOSE AN INDEPENDENT PERSON LIKE MYSELF WHO WILL WORK HARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST MIDLANDS AND ITS COMMUNITIES.
I AM HERE TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THEIR VOICE AND WILL HOLD ANY OFFICER, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR RANK, RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY COMPLAINTS WHICH ARE UPHELD. FORGET YOUR FORMAL WARNINGS FOR OFFICERS WATCHING EXPLICIT MATERIAL ON TAX PAYERS COMPUTERS WHILST BEING PAID FOR BY THE TAX PAYER, AND STAFF THAT ADJUST RECORDS TO SUIT THEIR OWN MISDEMEANOURS. THESE PEOPLE DESERVE NOTHING MORE THAN DISMISSAL AND I ASSURE YOU, IF I AM DULY ELECTED, THIS I WILL SEEK TO DO AND OBTAIN A POLICE FORCE YOU THE PUBLIC CAN THEN AGAIN PUT YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AT ANYTIME WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AND I ASSURE YOU ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.
MY MANIFESTO WHICH IS ON MY WEB SITE CONTAINS MANY ISSUES AND POINTS YOU THE PUBLIC NEED TO BE AWARE OF AND WHY IT IS SO IMPERATIVE YOU VOTE FOR ME AT THE NEXT 2016 ELECTION.

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE 2016
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS ELECTION
THEN PLEASE DO NOT WASTE YOUR VOTE, VOTE FOR ME

DEAN EGAN

AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE WORKING INDEPENDENTLY FOR ITS VOTERS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

VOTING FOR ME WOULD ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A BETTER PERFORMING POLICE FORCE THAN THE ONE WE CURRENTLY HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL.

MAKE YOUR POLICE FORCE AND ITS OFFICERS PRODUCTIVE AND MORE ACCOUNTABLE

WEBSITE – pccwmp2016.com E MAIL - pccwmp@yahoo.co.uk

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, February 11, 2016

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Trespass, Channel 5, 11pm
A couple are held hostage in their own home by four masked criminals, who want the contents of their safe. The situation forces them to examine the secrets they are hiding from each other, while the criminals are also driven to reflect on the events that have set them on this course of action. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Nicole Kidman. (2011)

TUESDAY
The Restless Breed, BBC2, 11am
A former secret service agent's son journeys to the frontier, hellbent on avenging his father's murder at the hands of outlaws. Western, with Scott Brady. (1957)

WEDNESDAY
Because I Said So, Channel 4, 1.05am
A meddling mother becomes increasingly worried that her youngest daughter, who has a string of short-lived relationships under her belt, is doomed to fail in matters of the heart. She places a carefully worded ad on the internet for a suitable man, but her interference results in a series of misunderstandings. Comedy drama, starring Diane Keaton. (2007)

Trespass, Monday, Channel 5, 11pm

THURSDAY
The Wind and the Lion, BBC2, 11.10am
An American woman and her son are seized by a Moroccan chieftain in the 1900s, sparking an international incident. While President Roosevelt works on a plan to ensure their safe return, the hostage begins to sympathise with her captor's cause as they get caught up in a conflict with German forces. Period adventure, with Sean Connery. (1975)

FRIDAY
Backdraft, ITV, 11.10pm
The two sons of a fireman who died in the line of duty follow him into the profession. However, a feud develops between them because the elder brother is convinced his sibling is not up to the job - until a mission to uncover the identity of a serial arsonist gives him the chance to prove his worth. Action drama, starring Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro and Donald Sutherland. (1991)

Cuba gets caught up in controversial case

Throughout most of 1995, the US was hooked by the lengthy, televised trial of OJ Simpson, the American football legend who stood accused of murdering his wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

It was even dubbed the 'trial of the century', which may seem a little overblown until you consider how the case seemed to raise much bigger questions than whether or not Simpson was innocent, touching on race and celebrity culture.

And it's becoming a talking point all over again thanks to the new drama series The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story, which has been picking up rave reviews since it began airing in the US earlier this month.

Now the show is coming to the UK, although given the intense media coverage Simpson received back in the 1990s, some viewers may be wondering what there is left to say.

Luckily, the BBC has thought of that. Sue Deeks, Head of BBC Programme Acquisition, says: "I am so excited for BBC viewers to see this series. The People v OJ Simpson is a fascinating and totally absorbing dramatisation of a case seared into the public consciousness. It is a case that you might think you know all about – but believe me, you don't know the half of it…"

In particular, the series looks at the legal teams who were battling to either convict or acquit Simpson, showing how the prosecution's over-confidence, some shrewd work by the defence team, and the Los Angeles Police Department's history with the city's African-American community all played a part in the eventual verdict.

If the fascinating true-life story wasn't enough to hook you in, the series is executive produced by Ryan Murphy, whose previous credits include Glee and American Horror Story, and boasts an incredible cast, including Cuba Gooding Jr as OJ Simpson, and John Travolta and David Schwimmer as defence attorneys Robert Shapiro and Robert 'father of Kim' Kardashian.

The cast are all aware of the responsibility involved in portraying real-life characters, but they have chosen to approach it in different ways.

Selma Blair, who plays Kardashian's wife Kris, met her real-life inspiration, and struck up a friendship – Kris even volunteered to dig out her 1990s clothes for the actress to wear on screen.

Chief prosecutor Marcia Clark didn't make actress Sarah Paulson a similar offer – instead she apologised that Paulson was going to have to adopt her hairstyle, which came in for a surprising amount of comment during the trial.

However, one person who didn't want to meet their real-life counterpart was Gooding Jr. He told the New York Post: "I didn't reach out to [Simpson's] kids. I didn't reach out to him. I didn't want a definitive opinion of his guilt or innocence."

But he has said that the series has brought it home to him that whatever you believe, the Goldmans and the Browns still suffered a devastating loss, and should not be forgotten.

The first episode offers another reminder, as the victims' bodies are discovered. The LAPD quickly link the killings to Simpson, although his fame leaves them unsure how to proceed.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Cuba Gooding Jr stars in The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story, Monday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The X-Files
Channel 5, 9pm
Mulder and Scully arrive at Nugenics Technology to investigate the suicide of a scientist , only to find that the department of defence has put the facility on lockdown. They uncover evidence that extreme genetic experimentation has been going on for decades, breeding subjects who possess unexpected and dangerous powers – and Scully begins to wonder whether Nugenics had anything to do with her own pregnancy 15 years previously. Sci-fi drama, starring Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny.

Crashing
Channel 4, 10pm
Anthony and Lulu look for Kate and while their search takes a number of unexpected turns, the object of their quest drowns her sorrows with Fred – who receives some valuable advice from Jessica. Colin and Melody attempt to get back to normal, until he suffers an unfortunate incident, and Sam's life begins to unravel as he lashes out at those closest to him. Comedy, written by and starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge, with Jonathan Bailey, Julie Dray, Amit Shah, Damien Molony and Louise Ford. Last in the series.

TUESDAY
It's Not Rocket Science
ITV, 8pm
Over the years there have been plenty of fun science strands, from Don't Ask Me in the 1970s, to more recent offerings such as Brainiac. Now ITV are unveiling their latest take on the genre, and with the presence of Ben Miller, Rachel Riley and Romesh Ranganathan, you know you're in safe hands. In the first offering, Olympic hopeful Adam Gemili races against a Red Arrow, Rachel travels through a wall of fire at 450 degree centigrade, and Ben uses the power of Joey Essex's brain to drive a car.

WEDNESDAY
One Child
BBC2, 9pm
It was announced last year that China was to end its one-child policy, but the decades-long law and its effects provide the starting point for this three-part drama. Mei (Harry Potter actress Katie Leung) was adopted from China as a baby, and has enjoyed a happy childhood in the UK with little knowledge of her roots. So, she's understandably stunned when a Chinese journalist contacts her to say that her birth mother needs her help because the brother Mei never even knew existed is on Death Row for a crime he didn't commit. Keeping the full extent of the story from her adoptive parents, Mei flies out to her birthplace, but the first meeting with her mother is not what she hoped for. Will she decide to stay and fight for her sibling anyway, and just what can a young woman with no connections or knowledge of a foreign legal system do to free him?

It's Not Rocket Science, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

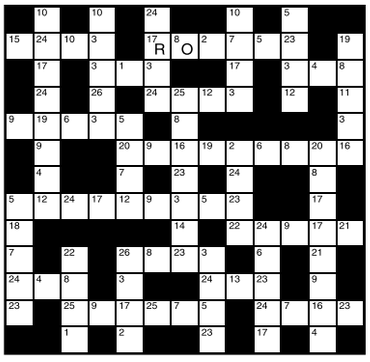
THURSDAY
Big Dreams Small Spaces
BBC2, 8pm
It may not seem like it when you take a look out of the window to see yet another day of cold, wind and rain – but spring is almost upon us. Therefore it's time for many, if you haven't already, to get out in the garden. But what do you do if your land is a tad too small to create the ambitious outdoor setting you have always dreamed of? Well never fear, Monty Don is returning with a new series of the show in which he helps more amateur horticulturists transform their small or average-sized plots into something extraordinary. In Salisbury, newly engaged couple Glenn and Zoe want a new garden to produce flowers for their wedding. But unfortunately, their small, sloping plot seems completely unusable. Meanwhile, in Barnet, Monty gets to work on an overgrown allotment that owner Nighat wants to use as a site for keeping bees.

FRIDAY
Shetland
BBC1, 9pm
Dedicating an entire six-episode series to one story is working a treat. Usually, cases whip by in the blink of an eye, catering for viewers with short attention spans in the process. But this run of Shetland is more old-school, with time given to absorb what is happening as well as the subtleties of the tale and its characters. We're now looking forward to the penultimate edition, during which Perez must find a way to deal with what has happened to Tosh if he is to successfully conclude the case surrounding the deaths of Robbie Morton and Michael Thompson – but that proves to be far from easy.

BRAIN GYM No.364

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17 R
5	18
6	19
7	20
8 O	21
9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 Y	2 L	3 R	4 U	5 V	6 Z	7 M	8 P	9 E	10 W	11 G	12 H	13 C
14 J	15 O	16 T	17 K	18 F	19 A	20 B	21 S	22 I	23 N	24 D	25 Q	26 X

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

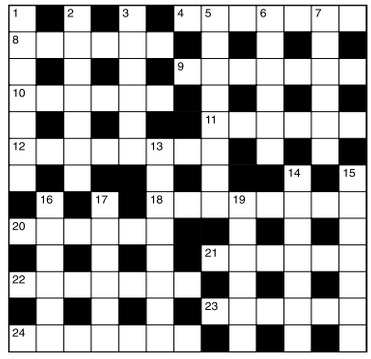
Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Forsake an orchestra when playing (7)
8. Something to eat for a canine with a high temperature? (3,3)
9. Rib male - it's more soothing! (7)
10. Keep near it (6)
11. Presumably he won't let anything slip out (6)
12. Father takes hire charge in his fatherly role (8)
18. Roasting at the keyboard? (8)
20. Make headlong progress in one's job? (6)
21. Trivial insult (6)
22. Join devout company in plenty (7)
23. Ring the bells again - get rid of the law! (6)
24. Law they break becoming rich (7)

Down

1. He is in the wrong party to get proper treatment (7)
2. Monument about right height (7)
3. A proposal to get things moving? (6)
5. The difference between him and his workmates is striking (8)
6. A figure that makes one lose all feeling? (6)
7. The old boy got a look and did as he was told (6)
13. Comprehensive even if short and unrefined (8)
14. Circle to allow curl (7)
15. Imposing let-up in support (7)
16. Plea or word of honour (6)
17. Lie and contradiction (6)
19. Please become dead to the world (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

4. At mid-point (7)
8. Inhuman (6)
9. Insult (7)
10. Demur (6)
11. Riot (6)
12. Clerical residence (8)
18. Gap (8)
20. Lower (6)
21. Caress (6)
22. Sundry (7)
23. Hand-gun (6)
24. Quill (7)

Down

1. Pardon (7)
2. Theme (7)
3. Zodiac sign (6)
5. Abounding (8)
6. Enthusiasm (6)
7. Yearly (6)
13. Estrange (8)
14. Greed (7)
15. Aged (7)
16. Strict (6)
17. Obvious (6)
19. Foreign (6)

Sudoku

	7	2			1	3	5	
		1						
9	4			8			1	7
		3	4		6	9		
	1						2	
		9	1		2	4		
2	3			5			7	9
			8					
	9	6			7	5	4	

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	4	8	1	7	6	2	9	3
3	1	9	8	4	2	5	6	7
6	2	7	3	9	5	8	1	4
4	5	3	2	8	1	6	7	9
9	7	6	5	3	4	1	2	8
2	8	1	7	6	9	4	3	5
8	3	4	6	2	7	9	5	1
1	9	2	4	5	3	7	8	6
7	6	5	9	1	8	3	4	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Shop windows; 9 Eve; 10 Town-crier; 11 Sisal; 13 Raiment; 14 Clasps; 16 Regime; 18 Network; 19 Steed; 20 Spaghetti; 21 Bow; 22 Set to rights. Down: 2 Hoe; 3 Petal; 4 Inward; 5 Decline; 6 White wine; 7 Sea-sickness; 8 Written down; 12 Smart pace; 15 Prophet; 17 Skater; 19 Sling; 21 Bit. QUICK - Across: 1 Happy medium; 9 Rod; 10 Newspaper; 11 Appal; 13 Reserve; 14 Normal; 16 Attach; 18 Private; 19 Widen; 20 Eliminate; 21 One; 22 Undertaking. Down: 2 Aid; 3 Penal; 4 Mowers; 5 Deposit; 6 Upper hand; 7 Great-nephew; 8 Freethinker; 12 Perdition; 15 Avarice; 17 Depart; 19 Wreck; 21 Own.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What is a cicatrice?
2. In which year did Enid Blyton die?
3. What is the northernmost of the four main islands of Japan?
4. What was Ho Chi-Minh city known as prior to 1976?
5. What nationality was the composer Georges Auric?
6. What sort of bridge is the Forth rail bridge?
7. What was the soldier Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar more commonly known as?
8. How many lbs in a cwt?
9. In which year did Edward VIII die?
10. Approximately how many million Model T Ford cars were manufactured?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 India; 2 Francois Truffaut; 3 A fish; 4 German; 5 Ernest Rutherford; 6 Port-au-Prince; 7 Nebuchadnezzar; 8 17th; 9 Mg; 10 1980.

Niner: DEPARTING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

957183 gives an entertainer,
123548 gives a clergyman,
4356788 gives a novice.

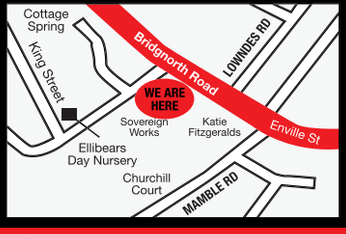
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

MASSIVE STOCK CLEARANCE
TO MAKE WAY FOR OUR NEW SPRING COLLECTION

Up to 1/2 price on selected suites
Chairs from £199 | Sofas from £275

STOURBRIDGE SUITE FACTORY

Opening times:
Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm
Sat 10am - 4pm
01384 396667



www.stourbridgesuitefactory.co.uk

Puppy & Kitten
Welcome Pack
Give your pet the best start in life

as seen ON TV

For just £49*
for a limited time only, available until 20th March 2016

Includes: First vaccinations, starter flea and worm treatment, microchip, 25% off at Pets at Home and much more!

Vets4Pets Stourbridge
66 High Street, Amblecote, DY8 4DH
Call: 01384 370765
or visit: vets4pets.com/stourbridge

Vets4Pets
Putting your pet first

*Promoter: Pets at Home Vet Group Limited, Epsom Avenue, Cheshire, SK93RN. Valid only at the surgery where offer is purchased. Initial appointment must be booked in advance with a vet. Expires one year after purchase. Further charges and exclusions may apply. Ask in store for terms and conditions. Terms and conditions apply visit vets4pets.com.

On the move – travelling around by cable car

The Sir Francis Drake is an opulent 1920s building

A must visit – cycle across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge

Streets are packed with different shops

Golden! Foodies will definitely leave their heart in San Francisco

Simon Penfold reports

IN the words of the great Tony Bennett, 'I left my heart in San Francisco'.

A flying visit will leave you breathless, from the sights, the tastes and from slogging up and down those famous hills.

Thank heavens for the equally famous trolley buses, which combine charm with practicality when getting around a city that is very well served for public transport.

There is just so much to see, from the Golden Gate Bridge and its park to Fisherman's Wharf, the shopping delights of Union Square, Haight Ashbury (home of the hippies) and Alcatraz, the famous island prison in San Francisco Bay.

And getting there from the West Midlands is a breeze, flying from Birmingham to New York's Newark Airport and then on to San Francisco itself with United Airlines. It takes about a day, and your body clock will be all over the place, but the flights are punctual and very comfortable indeed.

Travelling business class, with good food and seats that turn into beds, takes any pain out of the process.

Shopping

Book into a hotel and head off to check out the late night shopping in nearby Union Square – Bloomingdales, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue – and a few local beers at Sam's Cable Car Lounge.

Quality food is a signature of San Francisco. This city has more restaurants per head of population than anywhere else in the US of A. It must be possible to find a bad meal in San Francisco, but I didn't.

And then there is the beer. America has discovered the joys of really good craft ale.

The food and drink is just part of what sets San Francisco apart from just about anywhere else in the United States. There's an individuality about the place.

Our hotel captured that individuality. The Sir Francis Drake is an opulent 1920s building just up Powell Street from Union Square. It has style and character as well as all mod cons, and its name is a reminder that the first Westerner to discover this place was the famous Elizabethan sailor. Presumably because of this links the hotel's doormen are dressed in beefeater outfits.

There is so much to see and do in this city that a visit to the websites run by Visit California and San Francisco Travel are a must. One of the most useful things you can do is sort out a CityPASS ticket booklet, which gives a week's unlimited use of cable cars and the local Muni transport system, access to attractions such as the Aquarium of the Bay and even a one-hour cruise of the Bay.

For any movie goer, of course, San Francisco is the city where Steve McQueen raced around the streets in Bullitt. And there's the windy Lombard Street with its eight hairpin bends that has featured in virtually every film ever made in the city.

Aside from the movies, there are hotels, galleries and places to go and stand and stare. One place that cannot be missed is Alcatraz. Boat tours run out to the island several times a day. One of the world's most legendary prisons, it is a gloomy and oppressive but in remarkably good condition considering the last prisoner left in 1963. On a brighter note you can hire a cycle and ride across the Golden Gate Bridge. The views are stunning and, in any visit to San Francisco, a visit to the bridge is a must.

Four-bedroomed detached family house near to park

THIS four-bedroomed detached residence at Yarnborough Hill, off Love Lane, Oldswinford, is close to Mary Stevens Park.

With a host of original features, it is for sale through Taylors at £369,950.

It has an entrance hall, a reception hall, a cloaks cupboard and WC, a sitting room with a combined dining area with the sitting area having an Adam-style fireplace with gas fire, a formal dining area with a bow window, a conservatory with tiled flooring, kitchen with an integrated larder fridge and integrated freezer, washing machine, ceramic hob, electric double oven and grill plus hood. There is a gallery landing, bedroom one with en-suite, three further bedrooms, shower room. The drive is block paved, there is a double garage and splendid rear garden.

Contact Taylors on (01384) 395555 or visit www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk

Village residence is on a generous plot

A PERIOD three to four-bedroomed detached residence on a generous plot, 'Little Steadings' Hyde Lane, Kinver, has two reception rooms with a breakfast kitchen plus en-suite to the master bedroom. It is for sale through The Lee Shaw Partnership at £375,000.

In an elevated rear position backing onto playing fields, Potters Cross is a few minutes walk from the property and has a small collection of shops. Kinver is a vibrant village with a wealth of amenities, good pubs and restaurants and close to beautiful countryside including Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses.

Contact The Lee Shaw Partnership on 01384 396066 or visit www.leeshaw.com

phipps and pritchard with McCartneys

chartered surveyors
estate agents
auctioneers

31 Worcester St. Kidderminster Worcs DY10 1EQ
Tel: **01562 822244** Fax: 01562 825401
email: sales@phippsandpritchard.co.uk

1 High St. Stourport on Severn Worcs DY13 8DJ
Tel: **01299 822060** Fax: 01299 827066
email: stourport@phippsandpritchard.co.uk

Spring Auction

6pm Tuesday 15th March 2016
at Hogarths Stone Manor Hotel, Stone, Kidderminster. DY10 4PJ

Galahad Way Stourport DY13 8SQ

TWO high quality 1950's former Police Houses on a large south facing plot in an acutely sought after location off Moorhall Drive - the properties currently inter-connect, reflecting their most recent use as a Charity Day Centre, but would revert to their original forms very easily indeed. Immense further potential, vacant possession upon completion - Freehold. Energy Rating: D

Guide Price £250,000-£300,000

Stanford Bridge Nr Abberley WR6 6SX

A Prime Development Opportunity with grandstand valley views. A sizeable detached stable with FULL Planning Permission for conversion. The scheme was approved by Malvern Hills District Council on 30 April, 2014 under application number 14/00236/FUL and provides for a substantial single storey layout offering a gross internal area of 100sq.m or 1,076 sq.ft. Externally there is also plenty of amenity and ample parking provision. Worcester & Ludlow each about 15 miles distant. Freehold.

Guide Price £125,000-£175,000

Farm Road Stourport DY13 9DQ

TWO PURPOSE BUILT MODERN FLATS built approximately 12 years ago - the properties are to be sold together as one freehold lot and have been producing an attractive combined gross rental income of £10,800 per annum. 43A will have the benefit of vacant possession and 43B is currently let at £500 per calendar month. 43A - a one-bedroom ground floor garden flat. 43B - a two-bedroom duplex flat with garden plus fine rear views over the Stour Valley. Energy Ratings: No. 43a: D / No. 43b: C

Guide Price £100,000-£120,000

Four-bedroomed home with plenty of parking

PROBABLY on the best plot of the development, 90 John Corbett Drive, Amblecote, is a four-bedroomed detached home with off-road parking for a number of vehicles and open views across fields.

It is for sale through The Property Shop at £259,950 with no chain including the remainder of an NHBC building warranty. Spacious accommodation comprises an entrance hall, lounge with stairs off and under-stairs storage, kitchen/diner, twin electric oven, gas hob and extractor hood, a utility, guest WC, ground floor bedroom or dining room, master bedroom with dressing area and en suite, two further bedrooms (one with built-in cupboard) and a bathroom. To the rear is a private lawned garden with a shed.

Contact The Property Shop on (01384) 444645 or visit www.thepropertyshop.co.uk

Outstanding family house with annexe

AN OUTSTANDING family home with an annexe and views, this four-bedroomed property in Tansley Hill Avenue, Dudley, is in a sought after area.

It is for sale through Your Move at £179,999.

It has a lounge, spacious kitchen/dining room, sitting room and contemporary shower room/WC with stairs leading to four good-sized bedrooms and modern family bathroom. Externally the property further benefits from driveway parking to the front whilst to the rear it has a garden including a decking area and a large detached double glazed annexe with en suite/WC.

Contact Your Move on (01384) 455000 or visit www.your-move.co.uk

Property

LOOK OUT FOR THE LATEST HOMES FOR SALE AND TO LET EVERY WEDNESDAY

Our weekly full colour supplement contains hundreds of the latest homes to buy and let across the region. Get your copy every Wednesday from your newsagent. If you are an estate agent and you want to reach our 203,000* regular readers contact one of our sales representatives.

TO ADVERTISE IN PROPERTY CALL OUR EXPERIENCED SALES TEAM ON 01902 313131 OR EMAIL PROPERTY@EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK

*SOURCE: JICREG 01.04.2014

An Express & Star supplement

Express & Star

Commercial spotlight on what's on the forecourt for 16 reg

Drivetime

SsangYong driving towards 16 reg

SsangYong has announced an expanded PCP programme on selected Tivoli petrol and Korando diesel models, ahead of the arrival of the new 16 registration on March 1.

The contemporary SsangYong Tivoli B-segment SUV is available from SsangYong dealers with prices starting from just £12,950, while the new Giugiaro designed Korando 2.2 crossover is priced from just £15,995.

Commenting on these new PCPs, Paul Williams, chief executive officer of SsangYong Motor UK, said: "Sales of SsangYong cars increased considerably last year – in fact it was the second fastest growing franchise in the UK, and the Tivoli and Korando did especially well. Both are well-built and comprehensively equipped, and at a price and warranty level no other brand can match. With these new PCPs from just £199 a month we are confident many more SsangYong cars will be sporting a new registration plate this year."

The Tivoli SE starts from just £12,950, and is powered by a 1.6 litre Euro 6 engine with manual transmission. Finished in a smart grey cloth trim, it includes 16" alloy wheels, cruise control, a stop/go system, Smart steering (normal, comfort and sport modes), an RDS/Bluetooth radio and seven airbags.

The EX adds the option of automatic transmission on the petrol powered car, grey or beige leather upholstery, 18" alloy Spiral wheels, dual zone climate control, 7" touch screen smart audio system with rear view camera, heated front seats, front fog lights and a luggage load cover.

Styling

The top of the range ELX is available with the choice of manual and automatic transmission, and features Diamond cut alloy wheels, a smart instrument cluster, smart keyless starting, front and rear parking sensors, privacy glass, rear spoiler, automatic headlamps, rain sensing wipers, full TomTom navigation system with 7" touch screen and rear view camera.

Designed by the Italian styling house, Giugiaro, the new 2016 Korando SE 2.2 starts from just £15,995 with 2-wheel drive (or £17,495 with 4-wheel drive), and is powered by the new 2.2 litre Euro 6 diesel engine with manual transmission. With its 2 tonne towing capacity making it especially well-suited to caravanners, the Korando represents superb value and is also extremely well equipped. The SE comes with smart cloth trim, electric windows, air conditioning, cruise control, 16" alloy wheels, an RDS/Bluetooth radio and six airbags. It also now includes roof rails, front fog lights and a rear parcel shelf as standard.

The PCP programme, which is being administered by SsangYong's finance provider GMAC, offers purchasers realistic deposits and highly competitive monthly payments.

INSIDE: WHAT THE DEALERS ARE OFFERING

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, February 11, 2016

Crossover personality

Known as 'The Goddess', Citroen's original DS saloon was for many, one of the most beautiful cars ever.

In more recent times, both those famous initials and the design commitment they embody live again in the prestigious DS brand. This is that marque's mid-range offering, the DS4, a premium five-door hatch targeting customers that'll be new to a French manufacturer of this sort.

Slightly more compact than the Citroen C4 it's based on, the DS4 is 60mm shorter, 20mm wider than that car and, in an effort to inject some 'Crossover' personality, 40mm taller. The DS engineers say that the resulting package manages to be more stable on the move, making the driver feel as if "they have the road at their fingertips." That ambition is backed up through the use of a MacPherson-type suspension set up at the front, and a flexible transverse beam at the rear, with hydraulic power steering.

The engine range is wide and flexible and all units meet the most stringent Euro6 emissions requirements. Most will choose a 1.6, with diesel drivers selecting between 120, 150 and 180bhp BlueHDi powerplants. The BlueHDi 180 model only comes with the brand's EAT6 auto gearbox but its quite quick, making 62mph from rest in 8.6s.

Then there are three petrol options, with the entry-level PureTech 130 unit being a satisfying choice, despite its diminutive 1.2-litre capacity. It does, after all, make 62mph from rest in a reasonably fleet 10.1s en route to 123mph. If you need more poke, then the older 1.6-litre THP turbo petrol engines that the brand co-developed with BMW provide it. The THP 165 unit only comes with EAT6 auto transmission but you can order the THP 200 variant with a 6-speed manual 'box. This latter variant is pretty rapid, making 62mph in 8.5s on the way to 146mph.

While it looks like a three-door coupe, this is in fact a genuine five-door hatch, an extremely attractive one at that! The panoramic windscreen extends backwards into the roof and the dimensions and its styling give the car a compact and muscular look. There's a modest power bulge feel in the shape of the bonnet and further purposeful bulges over all four wheels, while a waist-height crease flows backwards from front arches which house wheels of up to 19-inches in size. The steeply raked roof drops away to the rear hatch with its subtle spoiler to give coupe-like sporty edginess.

Inside the luxuriously-trimmed cabin, the driver faces an array of smart chrome-rimmed dials and a sculpted, contoured dashboard. Premium touches include embossed leather door handles, plenty of chrome detailing and cool ambient lighting. Far more attention has been paid to build quality and refinement too, to match this up-market feel. Then there's that panoramic windscreen, offering front occupants a 45-degree view upwards and giving the cabin a real feeling of light and airiness also enjoyed by those in the back seats. And talking of the rear, there's proper space for two adults there – or three at a squash. Plus a boot behind of 370-litres, larger than that in rivals like VW's Golf or Alfa Romeo's Giulietta.

While it looks like a three-door coupe, this is in fact a genuine five-door hatch, an extremely attractive one at that!

With DS4s being priced from around the £20,000 mark, this French contender isn't cheap – but then neither is its value proposition. The beautifully-designed cabin is spacious, the engines efficient and powerful and the technology impressive. Here then, is a car that, for the price of something plush and ordinary, delivers the extraordinary. Just as DS models always have.

Price: £19,595-£22,595, on- the- road

Who to see: Call Lloyd James or any of the Citroen team on 01384 549760.

Astra better in every way

The seventh generation version of Vauxhall's Astra family hatch manages to be sleeker, better equipped, more efficient and more spacious than its predecessor, while in some cases actually costing less than it did before

Think that sounds promising? Then like us, you might think that this could be the toughest rival yet for the segment-leading Ford Focus.

You know at first glance that this is a Vauxhall thanks to the latest take on the corporate grille, now flowing into headlights which come with the option of full LED technology. There's also the familiar 'blade' graphic stamped into the side of the body and rear lights that now spread into the tailgate like the smaller Corsa.

Inside, despite the reduction in exterior size, you get an additional 35mm of rear legroom compared to the old car. Move up-front and there's the expected smarter fascia with splashes of chrome and the expected standard touchscreen infotainment screen that as usual reduces dashboard button clutter. For the first time, the General Motors 'OnStar' system is available, the set-up providing an in-car Wi-Fi hotspot, 24/7 assistance from a dedicated service team and the ability to call the emergency services if the airbags deploy.

Engine-wise, though the original 100PS 1.4-litre petrol unit remains from the previous range, much else is new. There's the 105PS 1.0-litre three cylinder turbo unit borrowed from the Corsa, plus 125PS and 150PS versions of a new direct injection 1.4-litre turbo powerplant too, plus a 1.6-litre 200PS version of this engine further up the range. Diesel buyers get 110PS, 136PS and 160PS 1.6-litre CDTi options. Go for the 1.6 litre CDTi 110PS diesel ecoFLEX model and you'll get a car capable of 91.1mpg on the combined cycle while emitting only 82g/km of CO2

Prices start from just over £15,000 and range up to around £23,000 and there's the usual mainstream bodystyle choice of five-door hatch and estate. The MK6 model-based GTC coupe continues on in its older form. With the latest generation hatch and estate, there are five main trim levels - 'Design', 'Tech Line', 'Energy', 'SRi' and 'Elite'. Best of all, it's mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool.

● Who to see: T. Wall, Vauxhall, High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford. DY6 8XB. Call 01384 288333.

For the first time, General Motors 'OnStar' system is available, the set-up providing an in-car Wi-Fi hotspot, 24/7 assistance from a dedicated service team and the ability to call the emergency services if the airbags deploy

TESTED

Vauxhall Astra range

Price: 5-door Hatch, £15,295-£23,520, on-the-road
Insurance: TBC
CO2: 82-146g/km
Performance: For 1.6 CDTi 110PS, 0-62mph 10.3s/ top speed 121mph
Fuel: For 1.6 CDTi 110PS ecoFLEX, 91.2mpg (combined)
Safety: Twin front side and curtain airbags, ABS.

The best new Vauxhall deals for March delivery

NU 16 REG

Corsa Limited Edition
VERY LIMITED OFFER

FREE INSURANCE^

£159* DEPOSIT | £159* PER MONTH

£1000 MINIMUM PART EXCHANGE

4.1% APR REPRESENTATIVE*

Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback
1.4 Limited Edition 3dr Representative example

On the Road Price	35 Monthly Payments	Customer Deposit	Deposit Allowance	Part-Exchange	Amount of Credit	Optional Final Payment	Total amount payable
£13,450.00	£158.58	£159.00	£1,300.00	£1,000.00	£10,992.00	£6,175.00	£14,481.30

Based on 5,000 miles per annum, excess mileage charged at 9p per mile. An Arrangement Fee and Credit Arrangement Fee of £149.00 is payable usually with the first and final payments respectively.

EXCLUSIVE TO YOUR BLACK COUNTRY VAUXHALL DEALERS

Halesowen Motor House
Dudley Rd, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3NH
0121 503 0001 www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk

T Wall Garages
High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB
01384 288333 www.twall.co.uk

Stourbridge Motor House
High Street, Amblecote, Nr. Stourbridge DY8 4DG
01384 447970 www.stourbridgemotorhouse.co.uk

Dudley Motor Company
Trindle Rd, Dudley, West Midlands DY2 7AY
01384 454100 www.dudleymotorco.co.uk

VAUXHALL

Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO_2 emissions (g/km). VAUXHALL Corsa 3 Door Hatchback 1.4i 90PS Limited Edition with 17'' wheels, M5: Urban: 42.8 (6.6), Extra-urban: 65.7 (4.3), Combined: 54.3 (5.2). CO_2 emissions: 121g/km. Official EU-regulated test data are provided for comparison purposes and actual performance will depend on driving style, road conditions and other non-technical factors. *Finance provided by GMAC UK plc, P.O.Box 6666, Cardiff, CF15 7YT. Finance applicants must be 18 or over. Option 1 Pay final payment & keep the car. Option 2 - Return the car. Option 3 - Trade in against a new vehicle. ^Insurance offer subject to eligibility, terms and conditions. All offers subject to availability, terms and conditions. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, February 11, 2016

Sportage prices revealed

Kia has just announced pricing and specifications for the fourth-generation of its best-selling model in the UK, the stylish Sportage crossover.

There are 18 variants on offer priced from just £17,995 on the road. For the first time GT-Line versions add an even more sporty flourish to the range, while the line-up is headed by the luxurious First Edition model, priced at £31,645. GT-Line models start at £24,350. The new Sportage is now on sale.

The new Sportage brings major advances in fuel efficiency, comfort, connectivity, convenience and safety. The acclaimed styling of a model which sells as much on its looks as on its practicality has been subtly modernised and every model benefits from a more premium look and feel to the interior.

There are now four engines and three transmissions with the introduction of a 1.6-litre T-GDi (turbocharged gasoline direct injection) unit and a 7DCT (seven-speed dual-clutch automatic) gearbox, both of which are reserved exclusively for GT-Line. They join extensively re-engineered 1.6-litre GDi petrol and 1.7- and 2.0-litre turbodiesel power units with improved fuel economy and CO2 reductions of up to 29g/km, which means significantly lower company car tax for the Sportage's loyal business drivers.

The six trim lines are badged 1, 2, 3, 4, GT-Line and First Edition. All versions powered by the 1.6-litre GDi and 1.7-litre CRDi engines are front-wheel drive, while those powered by the 1.6-litre T-GDi unit and the two 2.0-litre CRDi diesels have all-wheel drive. Four-wheel-drive versions are distinguished by the 'KX' prefix in the model designation - except for GT-Line and First Edition versions

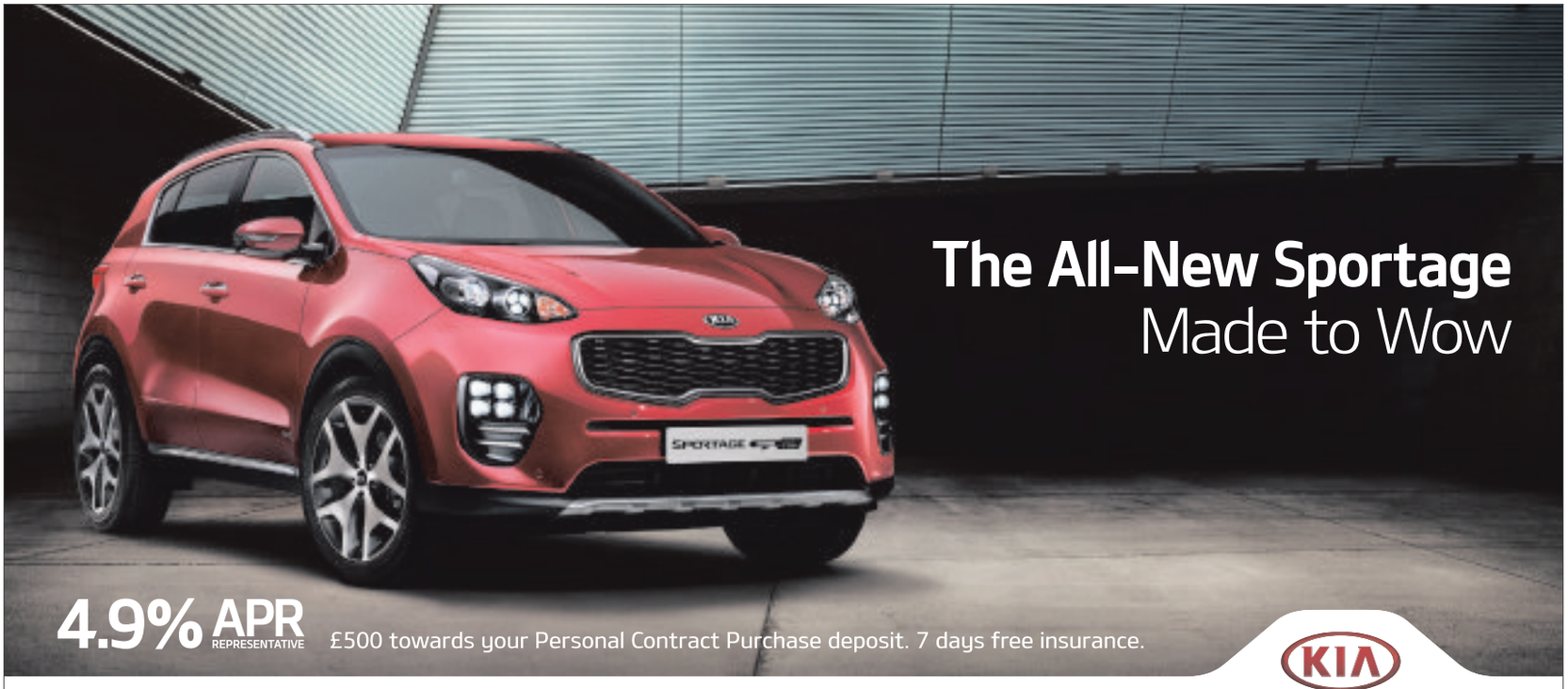
Connectivity and advanced driver aids are a pre-requisite in any car these days, and the Sportage will not disappoint. All versions except the entry-level grade have a 7- or 8-inch touch-screen satellite navigation system linked to Kia Connected Services with TomTom®, providing full European mapping and detailed traffic, speed camera, weather and local services information. Up the range, speed limit information, lane keep assist, high beam assist, autonomous emergency braking and blind spot detection with rear cross traffic alert are available.

All versions are well equipped with an extensive package of comfort, convenience and safety items

All versions are well equipped with an extensive package of comfort, convenience and safety items. Even 'base' model Grade 1/KX-1 comes equipped, with 16-inch alloy wheels and all-round disc brakes, a black diamond-mesh grille with chromed surround, front foglights, LED daytime running lamps, cornering lights, chrome-coated belt-line mouldings, smart black cloth upholstery with a grey headlining, electrically adjustable door mirrors, leather-trimmed steering wheel and gear-shift, all electric windows, air conditioning, DAB radio, Bluetooth with music streaming, USB and AUX ports, 12-volt power outlet in ront and rear, trailer stability assist, hill-start assist, downhill brake control and cruise control with speed limiter.

Who to see:

- Brindley Kia, 55 Penn Rd, Wolverhampton WV2 4WW. Call: 01902 508440.
- Brindley Kia, 85 New Road, Great Bridge, Tipton DY4 7BX. Call: 0121 629 0885



7 YEAR KIA WARRANTY

KIA Care-3

Brindley Kia

- 85 New Road, Tipton DY4 7BX T. 0121 629 0891 brindleykia.co.uk
- 55 Penn Road, Wolverhampton WV2 4WW T. 01902 690633 brindleykia.co.uk

Fuel consumption in mpg (l/100km) for the All-New Kia Sportage range: Urban 28.2 (10.0) – 52.3 (5.4), Extra Urban 43.5 (6.5) – 67.3 (4.2), Combined 37.2 (7.6) – 61.4 (4.6), CO_2 emissions 177 – 119g/km. MPG figures are official EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. Available between 05/02/16 and 31/03/16 inclusive. Available over 25, 31 & 37 months. At the end of the agreement there are 3 options: (i) Renew: Part exchange the vehicle, (ii) Retain: Pay the Optional Final Payment to own the vehicle or (iii) Return the vehicle. Further charges may be made subject to mileage and condition of the vehicle. Excess mileage charge 14.9p per mile. Subject to status. T&Cs apply. 18s or over. Guarantee/Indemnity may be required. Kia Motors Finance RH1 1SR. Model shown: All-New Kia Sportage 'GT-Line' 1.6 T-GDi 174bhp 6-speed manual (AWD). Offer not available with any other offer. Offers not available in The Isle of Man or Channel Islands. Retail sales only. Details correct at time of going to press. 7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. For full terms and exclusions visit www.kia.co.uk.

E L Bouts Motors Ltd trading as Brindley Kia Wolverhampton are a credit broker (not a lender) for the purposes of this financial promotion and can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction. You will not own the vehicle until all payments are made.

An assured Suzuki Vitara

The Vitara, Suzuki's latest compact crossover, aims to build a lot of talent into four metres. With a choice of petrol or diesel, front or all-wheel drive and styling that's more assured than anything Suzuki has brought us before, it looks to be an extremely competitive proposition.

The mechanicals are shared as they are with the existing SX-4 S-Cross. That means buyers get to choose between either a 1.6-litre petrol engine or a Fiat-sourced 118bhp 1.6 diesel, both being offered in front or four-wheel drive guises. The petrol engine is fitted with a five-speed manual gearbox as standard, with an optional CVT transmission also offered.

Go diesel and you get a six-speed manual 'box. The short overhangs will help with off-roading but ground clearance isn't that generous. The ALLGRIP four-wheel-drive transmission features an electronically controlled clutch pack, controlled by a four-position switch on the centre console.

Choose 'Auto' and it'll stick to driving the front wheels unless slip is detected, whereupon the rear wheels are pressed into action. 'Sport' diverts up to 20 per cent of torque to the rear wheels to give livelier handling. 'Snow' offers permanent four-wheel drive with the system choosing how much torque to split front and rear, while 'Lock' splits the torque equally between front and rear.

With tight proportions and a front end that has more than a hint of current Land Rover design about it, the Vitara is quite an assured piece of design work. There's also a blacked-out floating glasshouse, heavily sculpted flanks and a very neat tail-lamp finish. Buyers can also specify a rugged package which adds front and rear skidplates as well as additional body side mouldings.

Suzuki cabins have long been the marque's weak link but this latest Vitara shows the company pulling its socks up in terms of quality and the materials used. Okay, so the idea of body-coloured metal across the dash isn't a new one (some of you will recall the Fiat Coupe mining that trend way back in '93) but Suzuki also offers chrome around the gearlever and door trims and an analogue clock. It's by no means a large vehicle, breaking the tape at just over four metres long, but still features a features a sizable 375-litre boot. That's ample and very competitive against its rivals.

Who to see: Halesowen Motor House Suzuki, Dudley Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3NH. Tel: 0121 503 000.

With tight proportions and a front end that has more than a hint of current Land Rover design about it, the Vitara is quite an assured piece of design work.

TESTED

Suzuki Vitara

Price: £13,999-£23,899 on-the-road
Insurance: tba
Performance: For the 1.6 diesel 4wd, 0-62mph 11.4 seconds. Max speed 112mph
Fuel: For the 1.6 diesel 4wd, 67.3mpg combined cycle
Emissions: 106-130g/km
Safety: Twin front and side airbags, ABS with EBD, traction and stability control

Request a Test Drive today: suzuki.co.uk/halesowenmotorhouse

Halesowen Motor House

Dudley Road Halesowen B63 3NH **0121 503 0001**

Official Fuel Consumption Figures for the Suzuki Vitara range mpg (litres/100km) and CO_2 emissions (g/km): Urban 42.1-61.4 (6.7-4.6), Extra Urban 55.4-76.3 (5.1-3.7), Combined 49.5-70.6 (5.7-4.0), CO_2 emissions 131-106 g/km.

The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. Vitara range: *Vitara SZ4 1.6 Petrol Manual available at £13,999 to Vitara SZ5 1.6 DDiS ALLGRIP TCSS with Rugged Pack available at £23,149. All prices and specifications correct at time of going to print. For full details contact your local participating Suzuki Dealer. Offer subject to availability for vehicles privately registered between 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016 from participating Authorised Suzuki Dealers only. **SZ5 models only. †SZ-T and SZ5 models only. Model shown: Vitara 1.6 SZ4 available at £13,999 on the road. (Single-tone metallic paint available at an additonal cost of £430, dual-tone paint available at an additional cost of £800.)

Tucson is ready to take on the crossover opposition

Until the arrival of this Tucson model, Hyundai's idea of a Qashqai-style family crossover model was encapsulated by its ix35. That car sold quite well but somehow, never quite captured the imagination of the buying public. The Tucson though, is a leaner, meaner-looking contender that might well catapult the Korean brand into credible contention in this important growing segment.

People have come to expect a lot when it comes to driving crossover cars. Although they want a lofty perch, they also want to feel like they could be driving a hatchback. The Tucson delivers exactly this blend of virtues, hence its very road-biased suspension set-up – and the overwhelming emphasis on two wheel drive models across the range.

All bases are covered when it comes to engines with a good selection of both petrols and diesels.

At the lower end of the range, there's a choice of a 132PS 1.6 GDi petrol or a 116PS CRDi 1.7 diesel.

Turbocharged

Move a little higher and you can upgrade to a turbocharged 1.6 GDi with 177PS. Diesel fans will find a 2.0 CRDi with either 136PS or 185PS. If you want 4WD, then you'll need the turbo petrol or one of the 2.0-litre diesels.

The 4WD system is absolutely fine for slippery surfaces but it's not an out and out mud plugger.

As usual with Hyundai models, there's the option of varying the feel of the steering feedback, via different modes.

With an imposing hexagonal grille and sleek Santa Fe-style headlights, the Tucson is a good looking crossover.

The wheelarches are pulled backwards which, along with the rising windowline and prominent creases in the flanks, adds some athleticism to the side profile.

The new Tucson is well equipped. Even base 'S' trim comes with kit like a DAB digital radio and Bluetooth connectivity, plus USB and AUX connections, 16" alloy wheels, air conditioning and auto headlights.

So, what do we have?

The tough looks of an SUV, the sensible practicality of a five-seater mini-MPV and the affordability of a family hatchback.

These are the facts behind a Tucson model so good that it'll attract many new buyers to the Hyundai brand.

Hyundai's new generation Tucson is nicely built, efficient to run and quite capable in 4WD form of getting everywhere any ordinary family driver might want to go.

More important will be this model's competitive pricing and lengthy warranty. It's a Hyundai of the modern era.

And that makes it a very impressive car indeed.

View and test drive the impressive Hyundai Tucson by visiting Brindley Hyundai at the following locations:

- Brindley Hyundai West Bromwich, Millenium Park, New Swan Lane, West Bromwich B70 ONR. Call: 0121 696 4460.
- Brindley Hyundai Wolverhampton, 55 Penn Road, Wolverhampton WV2 4WW. Call: 01902 310666.

HYUNDAI | NEW THINKING. NEW POSSIBILITIES.

Brindley Hyundai range
STARTER OFFERS

ORDER YOUR NEW 16 PLATE NOW

i10 1.0 'S' 5 door
£7,995 + metallic paint Saving £1,000 from OTR

- Central locking
- CD player with USB / AUX connectivity
- Day time running lamps
- Electric front windows
- £20 per year road tax

i20 1.2 75ps 'S' 5 door
£9,995 + metallic paint Saving £1,000 from OTR

- Remote central locking
- Day light running lamps
- USB / AUX connectivity
- Hill start assist
- Electric front windows
- £30 per year road tax

i30 1.4 100ps 'S' Blue Drive 5 door
£12,995 + metallic paint Saving £2,300 from OTR

- Air conditioning
- Bluetooth phone connectivity
- USB / AUX connectivity
- Projection head lights with static corner lamps
- Remote central locking

5 YEAR Unlimited Mileage Warranty

Test drive the possibilities

BRINDLEY HYUNDAI

WITH BRANCHES AT:

- 55 Penn Road, **Wolverhampton** WV2 4WW — Tel. 01902 690617 — www.brindleyhyundai-wolverhampton.co.uk
- Millennium Park, Swan Lane, **West Bromwich** B70 0NR — Tel. 0121 695 9971 — www.brindleyhyundai-westbromwich.co.uk

Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai range: Urban 25.2 (11.2) - 78.5 (3.6), Extra Urban 38.7 (7.3) - 80.7 (3.5), Combined 32.1 (8.8) - 76.3 (3.7), CO_2 Emissions 231 - 84 g/km. Fuel consumption: figures shown are based on official EU test figures. These are to be used as a guide for comparative purposes and may not reflect all driving results.

On the road (OTR) prices shown include customer saving discounts where applicable, VAT where applicable, delivery, vehicle first registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. We can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers. We may receive a commission from them for the introduction. All offers, finance and savings are subject to availability and are only available to private retail customers on new cars purchased and registered in the UK, between 1st January and 31st March 2016, inclusive. 5 Year Warranty terms and exclusions apply. Please see www.hyundai.co.uk or ask us.

Supermini Civic range well worth a lookover

The Honda Civic has come in for a much-needed once-over, getting restyling at the front and the rear, while the interior gets higher quality fitments and a 7-inch Honda Connect touch screen. There's a Sport trim level inserted into the range to bridge the gap to the turbocharged Type-R range-topper.

Let's make note that there are some things about the Civic that are really, really good. We don't think there's a better diesel in the whole supermini sector that the 120PS 1.6-litre diesel unit.

There's also an entry-level 1.4-litre petrol engine offered along with a 142PS 1.8-litre petrol powerplant. At the top of the range is the banzai Civic Type-R which features turbocharging for the very first time.

There have been a considerable number of exterior design tweaks to both the Civic hatch and Civic Tourer estate. In come revised headlight units with integrated daytime running lights and a more rakish front bumper assembly.

The Civic hatchback also features a slicker design for the rear bumper, side skirts, a rear spoiler finished in black, plus LED rear lamps. The Civic's 477-litre capacity remains the best in its segment.

Who to see:

● Brindley Honda in Wolverhampton, Cannock and West Bromwich. See more at: www.brindley.co.uk/honda

TESTED

Honda Civic range

Price: £16,470-£32,295 on-the-road

Insurance: 5E-17E (excluding Type-R)

CO2: For the1.6 diesel, 94g/km

Performance: For the1.6 diesel, 0-62 10.5 seconds. Top speed 129mph

Fuel: For the1.6 diesel, 78.5mpg combined cycle

Safety: ESP stability control, traction control, ABS with EBA & EBD, twin front, side, and curtain airbags

The improved, smarter and more affordable Honda Civic might just be at its best in sleek Tourer guise. With a class-best 642 litres of luggage room with the rear seats in place and the cleverest seat folding system in the business, it's well worth a look.

The interior boot floor of the Civic Tourer has been raised compared to the hatchback to create a completely flat area when the seats are folded down. The rear seat cushions can also be flipped up to reveal ample floor space for carrying tall objects.

A 60:40 split in the seat base offers even more options for carrying both people and cargo and provides an alternative load area if access via the tailgate is limited. There is also a very handy hidden compartment perfect for storing the tonneau cover when it is not needed.

Furthermore, there is additional under floor storage in the boot which makes carrying tall objects in the boot easy, plus the height of the loading lip has been reduced by 137mm compared to the Civic hatchback. It's all been very well thought through, and it makes for an effective and desirable estate.

Who to see:

● Brindley Honda in Wolverhampton, Cannock and West Bromwich.See more at: www.brindley.co.uk/honda

TESTED

Honda Civic Tourer range

Price: £18,585-£27,030

Insurance: 15-17

CO2: 99-155g/km

Performance: For the1.6 i-DTEC, 0-60mph in 10.3 seconds. Top speed 121mph

Fuel: For1.6 i-DTEC, 74.3mpg in combined cycle

Safety: ESP stability control, traction control, ABS with EBA & EBD, twin front, side, and curtain airbags

SAVE OVER £4,000

on 2016/65 Plate – delivery miles CIVIC's

Civic 1.8 SE Plus 5dr

FROM £16,499

SAVE OVER £4,000

- 17″alloys
- front fog lights
- Honda CONNECT 7″ touchscreen display with AM/FM/DAB tuner, internet radio, Aha® app integration and internet browsing
- 2 x USB/HDMI connection
- 6 speakers
- rear parking camera
- climate control dual auto a/c
- cruise control with speed limiter
- rain sensing wipers
- front and rear parking sensors

Diesel version also available – ask for details

Civic 1.8 Sport

FROM £16,499

SAVE £4,036

- 17″sport alloys
- black roof lining
- privacy glass
- sports grille
- body coloured spoiler
- climate control
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- Honda CONNECT 7″ touchscreen display with AM/FM/DAB tuner, internet radio, Aha® app integration, internet browsing, Garmin® navigation
- rear parking camera

Diesel version also available – ask for details

Civic 1.6 Diesel SR 5dr Man

NOW £19,999

SAVE £4,316

- leather upholstery
- glass roof
- privacy glass
- 17″alloys
- front fog lights
- Honda CONNECT 7″ touchscreen display with AM/FM/DAB tuner, internet radio, Aha® app integration, internet browsing, Garmin® navigation
- 2 x USB/HDMI connection
- 6 speakers
- rear parking camera
- climate control dual auto a/c
- cruise control with speed limiter
- rain sensing wipers
- front and rear parking sensors

All cars come with the balance of 3 years warranty and AA cover, choice of colours. Pictures for illustration purposes only. These offers supersede all previous offers.

BRINDLEY GARAGES www.brindley.co.uk

Brindley Cannock
Walsall Road
Cannock WS11 0JP
01543 406609

Brindley West Bromwich
Millennium Park, Swan Lane
West Bromwich B70 0NR
0121 629 0990

Brindley Wolverhampton
West Street, off Stafford Road
Wolverhampton WV10 6HT
01902 690601

DRIVETIME

MGs are worth a good look

Now cleaner and smarter than before, the MG3 is a supermini you probably won't have considered.

Yet it's fun to drive, practical to own and vastly more affordable than the conventional choices in this segment. If you don't need class-leading efficiency and you're prepared to forgive a few rough edges in return for the big savings on offer, then it could rank as a very clever choice.

As before, the only engine option here is a 1.5-litre petrol unit that MG owners SAIC have bought in from GM, though a little compensation comes with the news that it has now been brought up to cleaner Euro6 standards managing 51.5mpg on the combined cycle and 124g/km of CO2. More importantly perhaps, it develops a healthy 105bhp, substantially more than most direct rivals can offer.

The much improved MG6 will appeal to those who like a British-built product that's good to drive, inexpensive, economical and spacious.

The styling's been refreshed, it's more economical, it's quicker, it's sharper through corners and there's a stack more kit included. In other words, it's upped its game right across the board – plus it's even more affordable too.

This time round, there's a five-door-only model range and one that features a few updates that owners of the original version might spot from fifty paces.

The front end gets revisions to the front lights, the grille and the lower vent, plus LED daytime running lights framed by a reshaped feature line. The cabin has also come in for some overtime from the design team.

Almost every area of the interior has been enhanced to give higher levels of comfort and convenience.

A warm welcome to Startin Honda Stourbridge

The new Startin Honda showroom on the Stourbridge Road

STARTIN Honda is proud to be serving Honda owners in Halesowen, Stourbridge and the surrounding areas.

With over 175 years of experience in the Motor Industry and 17 as a Honda Dealer in Worcestershire, we are delighted to represent Honda at our Stourbridge road locaton.

Since becoming Honda's chosen dealership we have taken great pride in delivering a service that matches the outstanding quality of the Honda brand.

Honda customers old and new

We have been very pleased to welcome existing Honda owners in the area and aim to provide the consistently high level of customer care that all Honda owners expect.

Whether you're looking for a new or used Honda car, you want to book an MOT or service, or you'd just like some more information about the Honda product range, we are here to help.

Honda quality

Built to be reliable and designed to fit around you, the Honda range offers all the choice and sophistication that has made it one of the world's leading brands.

If you are looking for a new Honda, our knowledgeable and helpful new car team can give you all the information you need to make the right choice from the range that will suit your requirements and lifestyle exactly.

Whether you need the practicality and versatility of the amazing new Jazz, the performance and efficiency of the very popular Civic or any other new Honda model we will make sure that you get the best possible match for your requirements and ensure that the deals we offer you are as good as we can make them.

Quality used cars

We also have a large selection of excellent quality used vehicles, including part-exchange vehicles with full service history that were originally supplied, cared for and maintained by us.

Servicing and more

Our Service Department is fully equipped to deal with anything from routine scheduled servicing to major repairs and our Manufacturer trained Technicians work to the highest standards to ensure that your vehicle is safe, reliable and a pleasure to drive.

If you are struggling to get into the dealership for your service, we can arrange complimentary collection and delivery and your car will always get a free wash and vac.

We operate in a friendly relaxed atmosphere so you'll feel right at home and able to enjoy our fresh coffee and biscuits - you may even see some familiar faces!

We look forward to welcoming you to the new Startin Honda dealership in Stourbridge soon.

Some faces which may be familiar to customers of the previous Honda Dealership in Halesowen - now at Startin Honda

Tom Hall - Sales Executive

Jayne Young – Sales Administrator

Liz Cartwright - Service Advisor

Darren Goodall - Technician

HONDA
The Power of Dreams

...to **Startin Honda**

The new name for Honda in Stourbridge

Jazz 1.3 SE 5dr
£199.43 Per Month
£3,175 Deposit with £750 Deposit Contribution
5.9% APR
5 Years Complementary Servicing

SAVE £2,000

Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S 5dr
£127.84 Per Month
£4,341 Deposit
5.9% APR
5 Years Complementary Servicing

HR-V 1.5 i-VTEC SE 5dr
£189.95 Per Month
£6,100 Deposit
5.9% APR

CR-V Special Edition 2.0 i-VTEC Black Edition
with 3 years 0% APR
5 Years Complementary Servicing

Representative Finance example* Honda Jazz 1.3 SE 5dr: Cash price of goods £14,995.00 • Deposit £3,175.00 • Amount of credit £11,820.00 • Total charge for credit £1,602.06 • Total amount payable £16,597.06 • 36 monthly payments £199.43 • Guaranteed Future Value £6,232.58 • 1 final repayment £6,242.58 • Agreed mileage 30,833 • Excess mileage charge 3.23p per mile+VAT

5.9% APR Representative

THE STARTIN HONDA PRICE PROMISE - WE WILL MATCH ANY PRICE OR OFFER FROM ANY OTHER HONDA DEALER

Startin Honda
82 Stourbridge Road, Stourbridge DY9 7DE. Tel: 01384 422488 www.startingroup.co.uk

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) Highest: HONDA CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC EX, SR, A5: Urban 28.0 (10.1), Extra Urban 45.6 (6.2), Combined 36.7 (7.7), CO_2 emissions 179(g/km). Lowest: HONDA Civic 1.6 i-DTEC S, S Navi, SE Plus, SE Plus Navi, SR, M6: urban 70.6 (4.0), extra urban 85.6 (3.3), combined 78.5 (3.6). Official CO_2 emission 94g/km. Retail only. Subject to availability. Prices & details correct at time of publishing & are subject to change without notice. *Finance subject to status to UK residents aged 18 or over. Guarantees/indemnities may be required. Startin Group Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority as a credit broker but not as a lender. Registered Office: Startin Group Limited, Far Moor Lane Coventry Highway, Redditch, Worcestershire B98 0SD. Company No. 00543964

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, February 11, 2016

Fiesta smarter all round

The Ford Fiesta has always been a vehicle the British public has warmed to but the truth is that before this seventh generation model arrived, supermini buyers chose this car either because it was great to drive or because they'd been offered a deal too good to turn down.

This latest model changed all that – and this one takes things a step further still, smarter to look at, smarter to sit in, smarter to operate and, perhaps most importantly, smarter under the bonnet.

The engine line-up starts with the older generation 1.25-litre petrol unit, offered with either 60 or 82PS.

To get beyond these and get yourself one of the clever new 1.0-litre petrol engines or the base 1.5-litre TDCi diesel, you need a slightly plusher trim level. And that means you'll need to have somewhere between £13,000 to £14,000 to spend, depending on the model you're looking at. In terms of the 1.0-litre petrol powerplants, the 100PS Ecoboost is well worth the £500 premium over the 80PS unit.

While if you're looking for a diesel, it's worth considering the £1,200 premium to go from the 75PS 1.5-litre TDCi to a 95PS 1.6-litre TDCi variant that features more frugal ECOnetic technology.

Variations on the Fiesta theme may come and go but before driving any version of Ford's definitive supermini, there's one thing you almost always know for certain: that it'll be a great steer.

There's a deftness to the way this car responds, an agility to the way it nips around the bends that no other small car can quite match.

Aspirated

With the 1.25-litre 60 and 82PS petrol engines sitting at the bottom of the line-up, it's best to get beyond them and reach for the state-of-the-art powerplants based around an award winning three cylinder 1.0-litre unit offered in a trio of different guises.

Most affordable is a normally aspirated 80PS 1.0 Ti-VCT unit but for only a few hundred pounds less than the version of this 1.0-litre engine I'd really point you towards the quicker 100PS turbocharged EcoBoost unit.

It's also offered with 125PS, but only in the pricier trim levels. No, the 100PS variant is all you really need, spiriting you to sixty in 11.2s to the accompaniment of a buzzy but far from unpleasant three cylinder thrum.

There are other petrol options in this Fiesta line-up such as the 1.6-litre options, but they're probably of minority interest there's an older 105PS unit that only comes with the Powershift twin-clutch automatic transmission, while at the other extreme, there's the 180PS 1.6-litre EcoBoost turbo powerplant for the hot hatch ST shopping rocket model.

That only leaves the 75PS 1.5 and 95PS 1.6-litre TDCi diesel units, engines you're really going to have to want to choose them over the EcoBoost petrol powerplants.

Who to see: Call any of the sales team on 01384 288333

There's one thing you almost always know for certain; that it'll be a great steer

TESTED

Ford Fiesta

Price: £10,245-£19,645, on-the-road
Insurance: 3E-T2 – 30E-T2
CO2: 85-138g/km
Performance: [1.0 EcoBoost 100PS] 0-62mph 11.2s / Max speed 112mph
Fuel: [1.0 EcoBoost] (combined) 65.7mpg
Safety: Electronic stability control, ABS with brake assist, seven airbags

Engaging experience in pretty crossover

By Sharon Walters

It's more than two years since a piece of Peugeot wizardry first impressed me. That was when the company invited motoring writers to drive up and down the ski slope at Tamworth Snowdome in a 2008 to test its Grip Control – a system already in use on other models in the Peugeot stable.

Now this small crossover isn't 4x4 and can't tackle major off-road conditions but it can cope with the majority falls of snow we usually experience with Grip Control.

In Tamworth Grip Control easily coped with the snowy slopes – take a look at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jTVPxHX1jZo&feature=youtu.be to see for yourself.

However, taking part in a demonstration is all very well. The system is shown to you by skilled drivers and then you take the wheel for yourself. All in a relatively controlled situation. When you have to use the system in the 'real' world it can be an entirely different matter. But that was not the case when an overnight fall of snow in Scotland left my car at the top of a car park with a steep slope exiting onto the highway. Into Snow Mode on Grip Control and I floated out in perfect control unlike a number of other people who went before and slipped and slithered down on to the road.

And here's how it works. The system works with the electronic stability programme to maintain the best possible traction from both front wheels. There are five operating modes on a control mounted down by the gear lever. In Standard mode, the vehicle's ESP system is calibrated for typical grip levels found on normal road surfaces, where there are low levels of wheel slip. Snow mode adapts the system to gain the best traction from each of the front wheels when the car is pulling away. As the car increases speed, the system constantly tweaks the traction control to maintain acceleration in the face of variable grip conditions. The system returns to Standard mode once you are over 31 mph.

All-terrain mode copes with mud, dirt tracks and wet grass by allowing a high level of slip on the least stable wheel when pulling away to remove excess mud and improve grip. At the same time, the wheel with the strongest grip level is given as much torque as possible. As the system is electronically controlled the torque offset between the front wheels can be as much as 100 per cent, well beyond normal limits for a limited slip differential. As the car gains speed, the system continually optimises wheel slip to give the driver the best possible control over the vehicle up to 50 mph. And this was also put to use on the Scottish trip on a foray up a couple of rough tracks to park close to the Highland Way in preparation for checking out my own grip control in a walk after heavy rain!

Sand mode allows slight wheel slip on both drive wheels simultaneously, to allow the vehicle to make headway and reduce the risk of getting stuck in the sand. Here again, the control provided by this mode is superior to that of a limited slip differential. In this mode, Standard mode kicks in automatically above a speed of 75 mph. Sadly no trips to the glorious west coast to test this mode. The result of this mode is a great all-round ability on all sorts of terrain as well as good towing and carrying for outdoor activities

Peugeot has targeted the 2008 at young city-dwellers who love the urban environment, but also enjoy escaping it. I also think it is very attractive to people of more mature years! There's a choice of the latest generation of efficient Peugeot BlueHDi diesel and award-winning, 'Engine of the Year' three-cylinder PureTech petrol engines. CO2 emissions are as low as 95g/km, while combined cycle fuel economy is as high as 78.5mpg.

You also get an engaging driving experience, high levels of equipment, comfort and high quality in materials and finish with a choice of eight interior trims.

The spacious and flexible cabin has a cockpit-style instrument panel and aircraft-type handbrake with a smart satin chrome finish on the air vents, handbrake lever, steering wheel, gear lever and touch-screen trims.

Fold the 60:40 split rear bench and you increase the boot space from 360 to 1,194 litres and a completely flat load area. And all it takes to create that space is one press of the button at the top of the rear seat back to fold the seat, as the seat cushion retracts automatically. A wide tailgate and low loading lip – makes it easy to load and unload. There's also storage space under the boot floor around the spare wheel.

On the safety front there's a raft of active and passive equipment which has earned the 2008 a five-star Euro NCAP crash test rating.

Priced from just £13,195, the Peugeot 2008 is available to buy using the brand's 'Just Add FuelTM' finance package. Combining all motoring costs into a single monthly payment, the Peugeot 2008 Active PureTech 1.2-litre 82bhp is available for £199pcm, over 36 months, following a deposit of £2,080 (4.9% APR).

OakGarage.co.uk

Specialists In One Owner, Low Mileage, Full Service History, Ex Motability Vehicles

Our Low Mileage Selection

62	Berlingo 1.6 HDI XTR M/Space Grey Only 4000 Miles	£8,995
11	Meriva 1.7 CDTI SE Auto Brown Only 5000 Miles	£7,495
62	Corsa 1.4 SE Auto SE Auto Blue Only 5000 Miles	£7,995
14	Agila 1.2 SE Black Only 6000 Miles	£6,795
62	Note 1.4 Acenta Red Only 7000 Miles	£6,995
62	B-Max 1.6 Zetec Auto Silver Only 8000 Miles	£8,295
62	Juke 1.6 Acenta Red Only 9000 Miles	£9,995
62	Scenic 1.5 DCI Dyn Tomtom Blue Only 10000 Miles	£9,495
62	Meriva 1.4 SE Red Only 11000 Miles	£7,995
14	VW Golf 2.0 TSI R DSG Blue Only 12000 Miles	£27,495
62	Juke 1.6 Tekna Auto Black Only 12000 Miles	£10,495
64	Zafira Tourer 1.8 Techline Silver Only 14000 Miles	£12,495
62	308 1.6 HDI Active Silver Only 15000 Miles	£7,495
62	Astra 1.6 SRI 180 Red Only 16000 Miles	£8,795
62	Note 1.6 N-Tec+ Auto Blue Only 17000 Miles	£6,995
62	Note 1.6 N-Tec+ Auto Caffe Latte Only 17000 Miles	£7,295
11	Smart Fortwo Cabrio 1.0 Passion Auto Silver Only 18k	£5,495
62	Kia Picanto 1.0 1 5dr White Only 18000 Miles	£5,295
63	Fiesta 1.0 Eco Titanium Silver Only 18000 Miles	£9,495
11	Polo 1.2 60 S Silver Only 18000 Miles	£6,495
Citroen		
62	DS3 1.6 Dstyle Plus White 19k	£8,495
10	C3 1.6 Exclusive Auto Grey 31k	£5,795
60	C3 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ Red 21k	£5,995
62	C3 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ Red 34k	£6,295
59	C3 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ Red 34k	£5,795
62	C3 Picasso 1.6 Exclusive EGS Blue 28k	£7,495
13	C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI VTR+ Grey 26k	£10,795
12	C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI VTR+ Brown 36k	£9,995
62	C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI Edition Blue 37k	£9,795
62	C4 G Picas 1.6 HDI Edition EGS Icare 26k	£9,995
59	Picasso 1.6 HDI Desire Silver 73k	£3,995
Nissan		
62	Note 1.4 N-Tec+ Silver 26k	£6,995
62	Note 1.6 N-Tec+ Auto Silver 26k	£6,995
62	Qashqai 1.5 DCI Acenta Red 44k	£9,695
62	Qashqai 1.6 N-Tec+ Auto White 34k	£11,995
Peugeot		
57	207 1.4 HDI S 3dr Silver 72k	£2,995
62	208 1.2 Vti Access+ Red 29k	£6,295
62	208 1.4 HDI Allure Grey 43k	£6,995
62	3008 1.6 HDI Access Silver 32k	£7,995
12	3008 1.6 HDI Active EGC White 50k	£7,495
Vauxhall		
12	Meriva 1.4 SE Blue 20k	£7,295
62	Meriva 1.4 SE Turbo Red 22k	£7,495
62	Astra 1.6 Exclusiv Tourer Auto Silver 33k	£6,995
Other		
62	Chevrolet Orlando 1.8 LS Grey 27k	£7,795
58	Fiat Gr Punto 1.4 Eleganza Auto Blue 45k	£3,795
57	Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Cl 3dr	£2,495
04	Ford C-Max 1.8 Ghia Silver 86k	£2,495
10	Ford Mondeo 2.0 Titan X Est Auto Black 80k	£5,995
56	Mini Cooper 1.6 Silver 56k	£4,295
63	Mitsubishi ASX 1.6 2 White 27k	£10,795
60	Renault Scenic 1.5 DCI Priv TomTom Beige 23k	£7,295
60	Renault Gr Scenic 1.5 DCI Dynam Black 53k	£7,495
57	Renault Twingo 1.2 Dynamique Silver	£2,495
10	Skoda Fabia 1.4 TDI Estate 55k	£4,995
63	Skoda Yeti 1.2 TSI SE DSG Black 57k	£10,495
09	Suzuki Splash 1.2 GLS+ Auto Black 52k	£4,295
62	Toyota Yaris 1.3 VVT-I TR Grey 20k	£7,295
59	VW Touran 1.6 S 102 Black 36k	£6,995

DRIVE AWAY TODAY

* 4.9% Flat (APR 11.9% Variable)
* Terms Up To 60 Months
* Subject To Status
* Drive Away In 2 Hours

Sales Line Open Every Day Till 9pm
Call Steve 07747633329

All Motability Vehicles are:

* One Owner From New
* Full Main Dealer Service History
* Guaranteed Low Mileage
* 1-3 Years Old
* 1200 Cars Available Online

Another 100 Low Mileage Cars Available Soon See Details At:
www.oakgarage.co.uk
Unit 1 , Sterling Park, Brierley Hill DY5 1TB
Tel: 01384 75097
Opening Times: Mon-Thu: 9-6, Fri-Sat: 9-5, Sun: 11-4

Local Specialists

Alarms

METRO ALARMS AND SECURITY
Burglar Alarm Repairs
Alarms from £249
Alarms Served from £30.00
- Home Alarm Installation
- Upgrades Close Circuit TV
- 30 years Experience

NEW!! Security Cameras Fitted for you to view via your Smart Phone! Recorded 24 hours!
Free Quotes & Advice
01384 350 687
07904 317 150
(anytime)
www.metro-alarms.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains

Blinds4Less
Choose From a fantastic range!
-Pleated -Venetians
-Romans -Curtains
-Verticals -Awnings
-Rollers -Shutters
New range of Chainless Verticals and Night and Day Rollers
Give us a try before you buy!
Contact us on
01384 886162
and 07989 588728
Blinds4lessdirect.com

Double Glazing

MISTY UNITS REPLACED
Buy Direct from the manufacturer. Est. 1999
Pilkington energiKare energy efficient glazing
Reduce heat loss by up to 75%
Also upgrade your existing double glazed units to Pilkington Energikare, it will help to reduce the amount of heat lost through your windows by up to 75%, lock, handles, hinges.
WITH A 10 YEAR GUARANTEE AND FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE
Delph Glazed Units
Unit 32 Delph Rd Ind Est (by the tank), Brierley Hill DY5 2UA
BSEN1279
www.delphglazedunits.co.uk
Telephone: 01384 573 074

Electricians

BRADLEY ELECTRICAL & MAINTENANCE
Est 1987
All electrical work undertaken
Fully qualified & insured
Installation Condition Reports
No job too small
★ FREE ESTIMATES ★
Electrical Safety Register
Call Paul 01384 344589 or 07812 435833
www.bradleyelectrical.net

Fascias Soffits & Guttering

Roberts Guttering Services
20% Discount
Local Specialists
Dry Verge Units Fitted
For All aspects of cleaning & repair call Robert for a FREE quote on
07767869792
We Fit UPVC Soffits & Fascias

Local Specialists
Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Builders

C ETHERIDGE BUILDING SERVICES
- Extensions
- Alterations
- Roofing
- Landscaping
- Block paving
- General property maintenance.

Over 35yrs experience
For a FREE quote call Chris
01384 635627
07989 738732

Local Specialists
Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Fencing

Fencing & Gates
All Garden Work Undertaken
• Slabbing • Block Paving • Tree Felling
• Turfing • Garden Clearance
NO JOB TOO SMALL
Manufacturers of all Concrete Products
eg. Concrete Posts, Gravel Boards
All work guaranteed Insurance work undertaken
Over 15 years experience (Public liability covered)
Call Steve on
01384 242891 or 07970 300586

Decorating

A.S. Painter & Decorator
Interior & Exterior
FREE ESTIMATES
Cleanliness Assured
Call:
07730 477564

PAINTER & DECORATOR
Professional and reliable
Fully insured
O.A.P Discounts
For a free quote call Carl
0121 561 1881
or 07532 200591

Driveways

INTERLAY DRIVEWAYS LTD
Whether you require a Traditional or a Contemporary Driveway
We Cater for all Budgets
• Block Paving • Walls & Patios • Tarmac
• Landscaping • Turfing • All types of Groundwork
• Cleaning, Sealing and Repairs
WINTER OFFER 10% OFF
OFFICE: 0121 667 3449 01562 814580
DIRECT: 07490001616 LOCAL: 0845 626 2449
WWW.INTERLAYDRIVEWAYS.COM
Find us on facebook
WE'LL BEAT ANY LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTE!

R&D ELECTRICS
All Domestic Electrical work including Alarms
N.I.C.E.I.C. Registered
FREE QUOTES
Call Ron on:
07773 645854
or 01384 422182

MB electric
All domestic and commercial electrical works undertaken
Home rewiring from £800
For a high quality local service call :
01384 660398
07939 503905
mbelectric.co.uk

Gardening

ROWAN TREE & GARDEN SERVICES LTD
*Tree Surgeon Specialist *Stump Grinding/Root Removal
*Hedges Pruned/Shaped *Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes
*Fencing *Turfing *Concreting *Driveways & Patios
*Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation Quotation
www.rowangroup.co.uk
01384 213644 or 07733 226568
AGE CONCERN & Local Authority Contractor, N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) All staff C.R.B. Certified
PART OF THE ROWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

Double Glazing

Misted Sealed Units?
Black Country Glazing
Contact US for a FREE quote!
Manufacturers & Installers of windows, doors & conservatories
'A' Rated Windows as Standard
10 YEAR GUARANTEE
"Energy efficient windows that won't cost the earth"
Station Street, Cradley Heath, B64 6AJ
Est 1987
01384 566100
www.blackcountryglazing.com
certass FENSA

ACE PAVING SERVICES
Tarmacing • Concrete Imprint • Block Paving and Patios
Landscaping • Turfing • Fencing and Decking
Power Washing • 5 year guarantee
FREE estimate • 15 years experience • Fully insured
01384 847115 | 0121 7692193 | 07448031419
Web:wwwacepavingservices.co.uk
Email:acepavingservices@outlook.com
Cradley Enterprise Centre, Maypole Fields, Halesowen B63 2QB

Electricians

J S QUALITY ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD
Fuseboard upgrades / complete rewires / security alarms and lighting / fault finding and repairs / shower replacements and more
Domestic / Industrial / Commercial work undertaken
Free quotations available Over 20 years' experience
Contact now:
0121 531 6884 / 07753 393562
www.jsqualityelectrical.co.uk
j.selectricalservices@hotmail.co.uk
Winter Deals now on - call for more information
CERTIFICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

Executive Car Hire

Executive Car Hire for that Special Occasion
Summer Cars4Hire
Whatever the Occasion – let us provide your
DREAM CAR
Please get in touch and let us know what you would like
Call 01902 895056
Email: warrenrusson@googlemail.com
www.summercars4hire.co.uk

Local Specialists

R.A. GARDEN SERVICES
Established 24 years
Gardening & Landscaping Services
Including: • Tree Lopping • Hedge Cutting
• Lawn Mowing • Fencing & Slabbing
• Low Maintenance Landscaping • Gardens Cleared
FULLY INSURED • OAP DISCOUNTS
FOR FREE QUOTE CALL:
07970 876 638 • 01384 569 148
www.ragardenservices.net

LINDOPS LANDSCAPES
All Landscape Work Undertaken
No Job Too Small or Too Big
FREE QUOTATIONS
All aspects of Tree Surgery, Block Paving, Fencing, etc
Est. 25 Years
Ex. Botanical Gardener
0121-421 2858
07583 - 748872
10% OFF valid until 29th FEBRUARY 2016

To advertise your business and reach more than 56,000 potential customers...
1 Call us on... 01384 399901
2 E-mail us at... sue.jones@expressandstar.co.uk
3 Post to... Sue Jones, Stourbridge Chronicle, 3 Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AB

Local Specialists

Roofing

M&M Fascias

Quality: uPVC • Fascias • Soffits • Guttering • Tile Edging • Roofing

Also

CONCRETE GUTTERING

Specialist removal Replacing with Modern low maintenance Upvc Fascias and Soffits

All work guaranteed with HomePro Insurance

Registered with HomePro

Membership No. 554518

TRUST MARK

No Free Gimmicks
Family Business
Local References if required

Giving homeowners peace of mind
ALWAYS FREE ADVICE AND QUOTATION
FREEPHONE 0800 799 9413
to speak to Mark
123 Amblecote Road, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 2YD

Local Specialists

Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Plumbing & Heating

KEN PERRY
Plumbing & Heating Engineer
Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters, Multi Point Water Heaters, Landlord's Gas Certificates, Boilers changed
Guild of Master Craftsmen
Gas Safe Registered
STOURBRIDGE 392284

P J LEE and SONS
Building and Roofing Specialists
All types of roofwork
• Gutters • Roof Tiles • Chimney Work
• Repointing • Slates Replaced • uPVC Fascias
• Verges • Ridge Tiles • Complete Roofs
FREE ESTIMATES
CALL TODAY
01384 423625 OR 07769 667 248

Plumbing & Heating

P.S. Heating & Plumbing
Combi Boiler change from £950
SPECIAL OFFERS ON FULL HEATING SYSTEMS
Also Warranty on Vailliant up to 10 years and Worcester 6 years
Fully Insured up to £2 million
Free Quotation
07961 140885
safe register 301067

BLACK COUNTRY ROOFING

- ✓ 3rd Generation Roofer
- ✓ 20 Years Experience
- ✓ Small Repairs
- ✓ Gutters Cleared
- ✓ No Money Upfront
- ✓ Fibreglass Flat Roof Fitters

CALL ON 07553 873075 / 01384 671988
FOR YOUR FREE QUOTE

Property Maintenance

ROWAN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LTD
★ Interior/Exterior Painting And Decorating
★ All Aspects Of Plastering And Rendering
★ Fascias, Soffits & Guttering
★ Roof Repairs & Re-pointing ★ Pressure washing
★ Plus Much More....
WWW.ROWANGROUP.CO.UK
01384 213644 or 07733 226568
AGE CONCERN & LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR, CITY & GUILD QUALIFIED, PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE (£5 MILLION) ALL STAFF C.R.B. CERTIFIED
PART OF THE ROWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

ROOFING SERVICES

- Gutters Cleaned From £15
- Small Repairs From £15
- Pointing Work From £15

SPECIAL OFFERS
on all UPVC Fascias, Gutters, New Roofs/Slate Tile & Felt and Garage Roofs
- Flat roof specialist
- Insurance work undertaken
- Est 25 years
- Discounted for OAPs
- Exterior Painting

WILL BEAT ANY GENUINE QUOTE
Home: 01384 872276 Mobile: 07584 081228

Specialists

DRIVES • PATHS • PATIOS • COBBLES
JET WASHING SERVICE
FINE-LINE PAVING
(MIDLANDS) LTD.
CONTACT ANDY OR GRAHAM NOW FOR A FREE, NO OBLIGATION QUOTE
(01384) 869605
07950 659668 / 07754 676336
ALL BRICKWORK & GROUNDWORK UNDERTAKEN
ALL WORK GUARANTEED
www.fine-linepaving.co.uk

To advertise your business and reach more than 56,000 potential customers...

1. Call us on... 01384 399901
2. E-mail us at... sue.jones@expressandstar.co.uk
3. Post to... Sue Jones, Stourbridge Chronicle, 3 Market Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AB

Property

LOOK OUT FOR THE LATEST HOMES FOR SALE AND TO LET EVERY WEDNESDAY

Our weekly full colour supplement contains hundreds of the latest homes to buy and let across the region.
Get your copy every Wednesday from your newsagent.
If you are an estate agent and you want to reach our 203,000 regular readers contact one of our sales representatives.

TO ADVERTISE IN PROPERTY CALL OUR EXPERIENCED SALES TEAM ON 01902 313131 OR EMAIL PROPERTY@EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK

*SOURCE: JICREG 01.04.2014

An Express & Star supplement

Express & Star

Classified Ads

Buy Local, **Sell** Local

funeral directors

Wombourne Funeral Services
Family Business & Monumental Masons
Pre-paid plans. 24hr call-out
Private Chapels of Rest
Wombourne 01902 892635
Perton 01902 756830
Kinver 01384 873499
Wall Heath 01384 274222
wombournefuneralservices.co.uk

J.T. BROOKES
Independent family run Funeral Directors
24 hour service
Brierley Hill 01384 77098
Kingswinford 01384 296683
Hagley 01562 888041
www.nedowning.co.uk

religious notices

christadelphian

LESSONS FROM BIBLE CHARACTERS Abraham. February 14, at 6pm. The Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford, Or write to The Dawn (ref:KCE) 5 Station Road, Carlton, Notts. NG4 3AT for free information pack or ring 01384 886544 for recorded message.

1 Family

baby needs

WANTED Stair gates. 01902 731514.

clothing - mens

MENS LEATHER biker jacket, large, skull on back, £45 ono. 07466 425607.

elderly & disabled

MOBILITY SCOOTER Very good condition. Fits easily in a car boot. Ideal for shopping and holidays. New batteries. Can deliver. **£285. 07905 770683.**

MOBILITY SCOOTER wanted, must fit in boot and be good condition, pay up to £150. 07471 792847.

WREKIN STAIRLIFTS reconditioned lifts from £799. New available. 01952 405397/07897 273617

2 Leisure Time

caravans / motorhomes

SWIFT CHALLENGER, 1999 4-berth, 18ft, rear bathroom, shower / toilet, blow air heating, full oven / cooker, new full awning, alico hitch, owner non smoker, extras, excellent, **£2,650 ono. 07549 584487.**

jumble sales / fetes

BRIC-A-BRAC FAIR Sunday 14th February

KINVER COMMUNITY CENTRE
DY7 6ER
10.30am - 4pm
Tel: 01384 894464

mind, body & soul

massage

YouTime
Therapy & Massage Spa
19, Hereward Rise,Halesowen,B62 8AN
A unique fusion of Swedish, Thai & Japanese massage with Aromatherapy & Tai Chi relaxation.
Call 07525 126700
See us on www.youtimetherapy.co.uk or FacebookYouTime Spa

music shop

ENCOURE ELECTRIC accoustic guitar with a Binatone amp, £100 ono. 01384 442158.

sports & leisure

FreeAds
IT'S FREE, IT'S EASY
For items upto £250.
Online at
bookanad. expressandstar.co.uk

PRO TREADMILL time, distance, speed, incline, calorie count, heart and safety cut out. Best offer. 01384 345597.

3 Home & Services

collectables & memorabilia

MATCHBOX CONVOY (Iceroad Truckers) series collection £100. Burago 3 Iconic 1930 racers, £10 each. 01384 370239.

furniture

DARK MAHOGANY extending dining table with six chairs, very good condition, £80 ono. Buyer must collect. 01384 638189.

LUXURY CANE CONSERVATORY SUITE Unused 2015 design, 2 seater, 2 armchairs, excellent quality chenille cushions, still wrapped, can deliver, cost £1,495. **Accept £495. 07968 731896.**

SIDEBOARD£80. Ikea 2 double wardrobes, £70 for both. Lewis chest of 3 drawers. £30. Good condition. 07899 307165.

THREE SEATER AND TWO SEATER SETTEE Belgium manufacturer, oak frame, drop on cushions, beige leather, excellent condition. **£400. Telephone 07746 143950.**

household appliances

FRIDGE FREEZER excellent condition. Can deliver. £85. 07464 026970.

FRIDGE MASTER fridge freezer. Frost free. 8 weeks old, still under warranty. Half list price. £125. 07790 463783.

in your garden

LAWN TRACTOR 22hp, 42 inch cut with collector, totally new and unused, cost £3,500, will accept, £1,850. Can deliver. **07710 169150.**

items wanted

AIR RIFLES, SHOT GUNS, Antique guns, taxidermy- big bore guns, traps etc wanted. 07968 624202

BRITISH COINS AND MEDALS wanted by private collector. Please contact 01902 676540.

READERS ARE ADVISED to carefully consider all of their options before agreeing to the sale of any of their items.

A BEST CASH PRICE

FOR ALL RAILWAY COLLECTIONS
Any gauge or age
Hornby / Bachmann / Bowmans / Roundhouse / Graham / Farsh / any live steam. Also Die Cast, Corgi, Dinky, Spot On.
01384 836219/07891 713547. thetrainmaster67@ hotmail.com

t.v. / home entertainment

service

AERIAL & TV SPECIALISTS
Free Estimates on any TV Repairs, Plasma, LCD, 3D, LED, Projection. All areas covered 8 till late. 7 days. Digital aerials, Sky installation. Wall mounts & TV setups.
07850 330251

items for sale

HAVE YOU CHECKED your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

DARK OAK Glass wall unit, £125 ono, two drop leaf tables.£40each ono. Whirlpool Freezer. £50. All good condition. 0121 520 8635.

NEST OF tables, £15. China cabinet, £100. Telephone table with seat, £50. All dark wood. Small fridge freezer, £50. 07754 910211.

specialists at your service

aerials

AA DIGITAL AERIALS
1 AERIAL INTO 4 ROOMS FITTED FROM £130
WE WILL BEAT ANY WRITTEN QUOTE
Work Guaranteed
01902 858191
01384 429166
01543 439095
01922 716029
07833 738857
VISA MasterCard Checkatrade.com

AERIALS & CCTV SPECIALIST
- Digital Aerials & Sky
- TV Wall Mounts
- We repair any TV's

For free quote call 07850 330251

alarms/security

PREMIER ALARMS
Supplied and Fitted £195
Servicing and Repairs
12 Months Warranty
All areas covered
All quotes beaten!
Call: 0121 601 9791

building services

DAVIES & SON BUILDERS
Over 35 years experience in the industry
All aspects of building work including: Extensions, loft conversions, roofing, driveways & landscaping. Discounts offered.
01902 579592 / 07837 994465

BOOK YOUR ADVERTISEMENTS OR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLINE AT
bookanad. expressandstar.co.uk
and become one of hundreds of customers who regularly receive exclusive special offers & discounts.

ClassifiedAds

carpet & upholstery cleaning

A CLASS CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING
OAP discount. Recession Prices.
Unbeatable Value: Rooms cleaned from £10
Call Paul 07870 341089

A BRILL CLEAN for your Carpets & Suite. O.A.P Discounts. Best Prices. Call Steve 07496 922324.

couriers

RAINBOW COURIERS
Parcels / Pallets, Local / Distance, Business/ Domestic.
Call: 07884 353732

double glazing

ATS DOUBLE GLAZING UPVC back doors from £299, front doors from £389 fitted. 01922 442720.

electrical services

STEVE JONES ELECTRICAL Rewires/sockets/fuse boards etc. All domestic and commercial work. 07786 858977/01902 846167.

fencing

PORTWAY FENCING Special Offer on 10 Bays £695. 07866 137656/ 0121 5315250 portwayfencing.com

flooring

UNEVEN FLOOR?
SPECIALIST FOR REPAIRING AND PREPARING FLOORS READY FOR ANY FLOORCOVERING, TILES ETC
SCREEDING, BOARDING AND REPAIRS
FREE ADVICE & ESTIMATES
MARK 07770 685 444

gardening services

For all your Patio's, Turfing, Decking, treework and Root grinding...
Prestwood FENCING & LANDSCAPING
Call us on: 01384 273586 or 07947 879403 or visit www.prestwoodfencing .co.uk for more details

GARDENS TIDIED from £5 per garden. 25 years experience. Call 01902 713106 / 07813 184086.

gas fitting

READERS ARE ADVISED To check that anyone carrying out any Gas work is Gas Safe Registered. It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

home improvements

Local Handyman
Brickwork (C&G), Fencing, Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Painting, etc. Fully Insured. CRB. No job too small. Free quotes.
BEDDINGTON-MARCH
0789 147 5718 or 0121 602 5313
www.beddington-march.com

house clearances

A ABSOLUTE BEST CASH PRICE PAID
for house clearances and bereavements.
Also removals undertaken.
All rubbish removed
Carriers licence held
07852 172641 / 07710 360327

ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING CLEARED
FULL OR PART GARAGES / SHEDS, RUBBISH REMOVED WASTE LICENCE
01384 486456 / 07711661135

painters / decorators

LOVE 2 WALLPAPER
Reliable & Friendly, Professional
Female Painter and Decorator
Wallpaper is my speciality, competitive prices. For the Perfect Finish with minimum hassle. Plastering & Coving Work Undertaken
01384 287577 or 07812 484194

removals

A1 KINGSWINFORD REMOVALS & HOUSE CLEARANCES
Single items, Full houses, Offices etc
Recession rates, FREE QUOTES
We take the stress away
40 years experience
07966 281957

A & M CHEAP REMOVALS
Local
Careful Firm
Full or Part loads
Call Don: 07749 941319

A MAN WITH A VAN Single items, flat/house removals/clearances, local/nationwide. Call Steve 0121 422 2999 or 07815 043724

CALL DEAN NOW: For all your Removal needs. 07429 453209/ 01902 830870 / 01384 940260.

CALL IAN. Man with a large van. No job too small, no distance too far. 07973 628534, 01902 891535.

Stourbridge Removals
20+ YEARS EXP
Home, Office, Part loads, landlord clean & repair service. House clearances.
Quality service guaranteed lowest rates
Call John - 07802 876 876 office - 01562 640 640

rendering

QUICK RESPONSE RENDERING Professional, Reliable Service. Call Stuart anytime: 01902 324727.

roofing

MG ROOFING Flat roofs, tiling, roof repairs, fascias and gutters. Call 01902 238989 / 07580 465449.

skip hire

BIG JOHN MOVES RUBBISH! No Skips, we load, fast friendly service, 25 Lister Rd, Dudley DY2 8JR, Est 35 years, 01384 232359.

4 Pets & Animals

equestrian corner

ALL READERS are advised to check if Horses have the required Passport information.

guns & dogs

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS Advertisers must ensure that they meet all necessary legal requirements for owning and using guns.

pets corner

GREYHOUNDS MAKE WONDERFUL PETS
All neutered, innoculated and microchipped.
Call 01922 412212 or www.rgtwolverhampton.co.uk
RGT Wolverhampton
@RGTWolves

NOTICE TO READERS Please be aware that when purchasing a puppy there are some simple guidelines you can follow to ensure that you are not purchasing from a Puppy Farmer:
1. Try to ensure you visit the puppy whilst it is still with it's Mother.
2. Do not arrange to collect a puppy from any other location than that of the breeder.
3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree.
Whilst Midland News Association publications take great care to avoid publication of advertisements from Puppy Farmers we cannot accept any liability should readers purchase from this kind of establishment.

GERMAN SHEPHERD puppies, 8 weeks old, parents can be seen, £325. 07572 687123.

vets

Express & Star
THIS SPACE COULD BE PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS
Every day our customers get a great response from Classified Advertising.
So could you by calling our friendly experienced Sales Advisors on 01902 319191.

5 Business & Farming

business opportunities

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering any obligations.

6 Property

accommodation to let

A FURNISHED flat for single mature responsible worker, £380pcm, inc all bills, cleaning/linen, Stafford Road, no DSS. 07957 595840.

A TWO BED FLAT off Tettenhall Rd, CH, DG. Off road parking, £115.50 pw 01902 340073 / 07770 660636.

NOTICE TO READERS It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

DUDLEY AREA Nice One-Bed Flat To Let. CH, fitted kitchen. **£110pwk.** Including Gas, Electric, Council tax and Water. No Pets / DSS. **Telephone 07803 890908.**

ONE BED FLAT Willenhall, CH, DG, some bills inc, DSS considered £100pw. 07956 163379.

houses for sale

BUY TO LET OPPORTUNITY 3-bed semi detached in Penn, currently long term let at £600pcm/excellent tenants. £152,000. 07779 445798.

overseas property

NOTICE TO READERS Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

properties wanted

A LOCAL BUYER pays full market value and more for your property. Call Rick 07729 297901

WORKING COUPLE WANT 2/3 bed house rented property with grazing, outbuildings , possible room for mushroom / tomato growing. Anything considered, good references from current landlord of 8 years. **07444 167462.**

BUY LOCAL SELL LOCAL

Place your items for sale with great offers from the Express & Star and *reach over half a million people*.*
We don't have any hidden fees, expensive delivery charges or commission payments - just a great service, at great value for money enabling you to buy and sell locally.
Contact us today to place your advert
TELEPHONE - 01902 317878
ON LINE - bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk
IN PERSON - At your local Express & Star office
*SOURCE: Jicreg 01.10 .2012. Private advertisers only.

Buy Local, **Sell** Local **ClassifiedAds**

properties wanted

FAST CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY™

- Reposessions stopped
- Houses bought in any condition
- Legal fees paid
- Probate Estates Welcome
- Mortgages / Loans Cleared

CASH PAID WITHIN DAYS!

FREEPHONE **0800 121 6007** OAKWOOD HOMEBUYERS

Friendly, local company here to help you 7 days a week. Est. 10 years.

www.oakwood-homebuyers.com

WE PAY 100% of purchase price EVERY TIME!

BLACK COUNTRY HOMES

We buy any house

- FAMILY BUSINESS
- FAST FRIENDLY SERVICE
- COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
- NO FEES/FREE SOLICITORS

WE ALSO BUY LAND

30 yrs

0800 999 999 6

or 01902 628047 24/7 www.black-countryhomes.co.uk

I CAN BEAT ANY PRICE!

I pay 100% of purchase price

Call now for the best price on your house

- Guaranteed offer*
- Any condition
- Free solicitors
- No fees*

*Terms apply

GUARANTEED

Downmarkt Homes

0800 783 2822 01384 226086

Home Cash Buyer

Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish

Houses/Land Required

Ring Paul 24/7local on

07870 341 089

Sandwell Area Call 0121 696 4154
Walsall & Cannock Area Call 01922 432049
Wolverhampton Call 01902 489901
www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

7 Jobs

part time - general

NEWS DELIVERERS needed for DY8-3 Norton Estate area of Stourbridge. Please contact **Customer Services on 0800 174 064.**

full time - general

KEMP HOSPICE

Physiotherapist

We are seeking an experienced Physiotherapist. 16 hours over three days.

For more details and to apply please visit:

www.kemphospice.org.uk/about-us/career-opportunities

Registered Charity Number: 1146310

8 Motoring

cars over £1500

BMW 320i M-SPORT 4 dr, 6sp, blue, 57 plate, FSH, 12 months MoT, good condition. £5,150 ono. W-ton 07916 61638 / 07543 237183.

CITROEN C1 VTR 2009, 59k, 3dr, £20 road tax, red, economical, MoT, smashing car, £2,490 ono. 07791 808779.

FIAT 500 Twin Air Lounge, 11 reg, 0.9 litre Turbo, red, 47k, £0 road tax, cheap insurance, top range edition £4,250 ono. 07718 341945.

FORD FIESTA ZETEC, 2008 Special Edition, 83k, metallic blue, MoT, alloys, excellent condition, looked after, £2,450 ono. 07475 396855.

FORD FOCUS 2.0GHIA 56reg 74,000 Miles, silver, abs, electric windows, air bag, vgc air con, long MoT, 5 door£1,599. 07879 403302.

BMW Z3 - 1.9

2001, finished in metallic silver, black interior and hood (electric) full history. Genuine 22,000 miles, new tyres, excellent condition, fully serviced, fully equipped. MoT.

£4,500.

01902 758833

SELLING YOUR CAR?

We have a package to suit every budget.

Packages start from as little as

£21.00 for 6 nights

Plus

6 nights free if you do not sell.

CALL 01902 317878

HYUNDAI I10 1.2 ACTIVE

63 reg, met black, 18,900k, FSH, AC, all electric windows, fogs, remote CL, rear parking sensors, £20 tax, 2.5 year balance of warranty, very good condition, private sale.

£4,950.

01952 728107.

MAZDA MX5 1600 CONVERTIBLE, 04 reg, 64,000 miles only, good condition, MoT, £2,795. Telephone 07864 842076.

MERCEDES C200 Kompressor Elegance, Auto, Estate,dark blue, MoT Oct 2, 2016, service history, £1,700. 01384 273177.

MINI COOPER S 2008, 125k, FSH, MoT, Blue, half leather, fully loaded, very clean, £3,995. 07596 439450.

EXCELLENT CONDITION

VAUXHALL INSIGNIA ESTATE

2011, 54k miles, grey metallic, electric windows, abs, air con, fsh, full MoT, central locking, cruise control, pas, diesel, rear park sensors, 4 new tyres. **£6,850 ono. 01902 664647.**

VAUXHALL CORSA VXR, 2007, blue, MoT till July, 25,500 miles, excellent condition, £5,750 ono. 01384 354109 or 07470 244100.

VW FOX 09, 53,000 miles, 12 months MoT, immaculate, in yellow, lady owner, £2,495 ovno. 01384 565140 or 07761 091577.

VW PASSAT 2.0 TDi, midnight blue, FSH, 58 reg, full leather, heated seats, Dab radio, great condition. £4,500 ono. 07734 441987.

cars under £1500

ADVERTISERS ARE REMINDED

that the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order of 1977 requires that advertisements must clearly differentiate between Private and Trade.

BMW 118 SE T reg, FSH, AC, alloys, heated seats, 93,000 miles, metallic blue, must be seen. £950 ono. 01746 781718.

CITROEN PICASSO AUTO 06, 65,000 miles, 12 months MoT, clean inside and out. £1,250 ono. 07855 946489.

CITROEN SAXO Furio, 1.4, 8 months MoT, blue, service history, 74,000 miles, new radiator and linkage, £575 ono. 07475 638786

FIAT PUNTO 2004, 5-dr, 1 previous owner, 81,000 miles, 12 months MoT, £795 ono. 07923 132859.

FORD MONDEO 2005, 1.8 hatchback, 88,000 miles, 12 months MoT, £795 ono. 07891 534950.

HONDA CIVIC 1.7 CDTi, MoT, 103,644 miles, blue, 3-dr, EW, alloys, CD player, £1,200 ono. Please call 07958 428949.

HONDA JAZZ 1350, 02 plate, FSH, full new exhaust system, 11 months MoT, light metallic green, good condition, £850. 07865 290473.

MAZDA 3 2TS 5dr hatch, Titanium Grey, e/w, CD, radio, A/C, Alloys,E/M, long MoT, 58k, £2,580. 01384 401209 / 07739 837137.

MAZDA 323I 1997, 7 months MoT, clean car, £300. 01902 674562.

PEUGEOT 206 HDi D Turbo, 1997cc, 2002, 5dr, hatchback, all old MoT's, All paperwork from new. £495. 0121 408 1754.

PEUGEOT 206 HDi D Turbo, 1997cc, 2002, 5dr, hatchback, all old MoT's, All paperwork from new. £395. 0121 408 1754.

RENAULT CLIO 53 reg, 12 months MoT, 1 lady owner, 5-dr, 95k miles, black, good car, needs slight attention. £575. 07540 474922.

ROVER 75 Tourer, 03 reg, FSH, one owner from new, genuine 61,000 miles, immaculate condition. £1,495. 07956 670563.

VAUXHALL CORSA SXi, 1.2 2001, full MoT, service history, CD, PAS, beautiful condition. £550 ono. 01384 440258. 07935 337167.

VW GOLF 1.6 SE, 2002, part garaged, SH, 12 months MoT, new battery, red, excellent condition, 71k, £1,475 ono. 07974 282604.

classic cars

TRIUMPH TR7 CONVERTIBLE, MoT, silver blue mohair hood, check interior, electronic ignition, CD player, excellent condition, £2,500 ono. 07877 536948.

WANTED, CLASSIC Cars. Private cash buyer.Instant cash settlement. Any age. Any condition. 01630 652993 or 07773 462797.

driving tuition

Homer's

Mini, Clio, Corsa, Fiesta, Punto, 207, KA, Fiat 500, Yaris.

10 Hours £89! Five Hours £50!

2 Hours £20! All Areas Covered

MALE & FEMALE INSTRUCTORS

MANUAL & AUTOMATIC

ADI/PDI REQUIRED. Gift vouchers available for £10

07432 458100 / 01562 870050
01384 234954 / 0121 5640090
01902 580065
www.homersdrivingschool.co.uk

scrap vehicles

OUR ADVERTISERS are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

MCB

TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL SCRAP CARS, VANS, BIKES, CLASSICS

Tel: 01902 408176

1000's of parts available at all times

MONMORE RD. WV1 2TZ

A BETTER PRICE for scrap or damaged cars and commercials. Spares for sale. **NINE LOCKS VEHICLE DISMANTLERS LTD Brierley Hill 01384 76566 or 70553. Evenings 75397. DY5 3JZ.**

vehicles wanted

alan reed cars

Used cars wanted for cash
Top prices paid. HP settled.
Buyer could call.
01562 711083 / 07831 245313

CROWN MOTORS guarantee best price for your unwanted cars/vans. 07903 549849, 01902 597035.

spares & accessories

clutches / brakes / gearboxes

A CLUTCH CHANGE MOBILE

30 yrs experience

ALL AREAS COVERED

Call Bob

01384 251328 or 07972 169554 anytime

For Example:
Citroen C1, C2, C3
Hyundai 110
Toyota Yaris
Clios & Micras
Ring for quotes on others!

9 Local Information

public & legal notices

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES

For convenience you may fax any advertising requirements to **Marie Hogg on 01902 713146 or email marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk** (remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)

I RAM LAL OF ISHA'S RESTAURANT

8, Stourbridge Road, Lye DY9 7DL

have applied to Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council for a Premises Licence to include recorded music and the sale of alcohol.

Monday to Saturday 5pm until 11.30pm

Sunday 5pm until 11pm

Details of the application can be inspected at Licensing Services Office, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Unit One, Narrowboat Way, Hurst Business Park, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 1UF.

01384 817812

Representations must be received at the above address between 26th January 2016 and 26th February 2016.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

10 Personals

personal

AT MANYANA Gentlemans Club, 5* customer rated-Mon-Fri 10-9pm. Sat-Sun: 10-11pm. 0121 472 7281.

LADY WHO WAS COUGHING

Outside Circle Post Office on Wednesday, January 6. Please get in touch with Man on bicycle.

Box Number P20227 , Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

ATTENTION LADIES 40-55. Please don't pass this advert by, read on and see I'm a genuine guy.

52, slim, attractive, GSOH, romantic too, hoping for reply from a lady like you.

Box Number P20228, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

MIDDLE AGED LADY

Would like to meet Female Friends, for day trips, shopping, garden centres, etc.

Box Number P20222, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

PROFESSIONAL FEMALE 54

Looking for a professional male to a Degree Level who is attractive, genuine and caring, enjoys quiet nights in, outdoor life and holidays abroad.

Early 50's to mid 60's, who is caring, honest and respectable, must be willing to travel, for Friendship or more.

Genuine replies only, previous responders need not write again thank you.

Box Number P20220 , Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

SINCERE, CARING, EASY GOING, LOVING MALE, 60

WLTM female for friendship, leading to LTR if possible.

Box Number P20225, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

WIDOW

N/S, likes music, cinema, theatre, days out, holidays including England and abroad, also cruising, would like to meet Gentleman on his 70's to do these things with and hopefully a relationship.

Box Number C20226, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

DATING

YOUR regional dating service, run by the dating experts who have been established since 1990. ***REAL people in YOUR region***

Try it.. You'll love it!

Here's how to use your dating service ...

To ***Place*** your advert call:

0844 381 5936

and follow the simple instructions

To ***Place*** your ad by text

Simply text **REG** followed by your first name, date of birth, area and your advert (max 155 characters) and send to **80098** **FREE** Standard Network rates apply.

YOU can now ***Date ONLINE*** or via your mobile just visit**:**

http://dating.expressandstar.com

To ***Reply*** to members call:

0906 500 3955

calls cost £1.55 per min plus your phone company's access charge.

Have the adverts 6-digit box no written down and do ***key-it-in promptly*** when asked. Don't forget to leave contact details for replies.

To ***Reply*** by text:

Text.. **REPLY26** (leave a space) the six-digit box number (leave a space) and then enter your message & send to **80098** eg: **REPLY26** 123456 ***hi get in touch...*** then send to **80098** Successfully received messages cost £1.50 per message (Max 160 characters). You must exchange 7 messages each before you can swap contact details. Messages may be moderated for yr safety and security.

Been left a message? ***Pickup*** your replies on:

0906 500 3957

calls cost £1.55 per min plus your phone company's access charge.

THE biggest UK on-line database of 17 million UK REAL users waiting to meet ***you.. visit..*** **http://dating.expressandstar.com**

Single Women

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

48 year old, slim, green eyed female, n/s, likes meals out, local theatre, live local bands, nights in, looking for a gentleman, 48-52, for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420839**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 419673**

FEMALE, 37, new to area, would like to meet nice trustworthy man, for friendship hopefully more. **Text only to mailbox: 5392585**

DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 3007 Box 418167**

MICHELLE 39yr old nurse, slim, petite, blonde, blue eyes, looking to enjoy life with similar romantic, caring guy. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420791**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715**

CAROL 37 attractive slim blonde, curves in all the right places, nice personality, good company, looking for caring man for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420757**

LUCY first time advertiser, 32yrs, tall slim blonde airline worker, seeks discreet gent, any status for casual fling. Looks/age unimportant. **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box: 420237**

DEBS lonely 40's female with no ties, GSOH, N/S, loves the simple things in life looking for similar soul mate to be happy together with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420729**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 413399**

BEV 30yr old curvy attractive female, likes music, travel, animals, cosy nights in front of a log fire, looking for affectionate male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420715**

SALLY, 24yrs tall brunette with feminine curves seeks mature older chap, 35+ for discreet fun only, must be experienced. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3031 Box: 420247**

SUE, 46, confident professional, sporty/active, seeking sensitive interesting guy for intimate evenings in with great food and conversations. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420701**

ROSIE, 43yrs, bored and lonely, I don't get out much but would like to meet a nice chap, married or single, fun only pls. **Text only Box 4078225**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, slim attractive blonde, varied interests and solvent, WLTM honest male of any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420685**

JENNI, hairdresser, brunette, caring and fun. WLTM chap any age, must be discreet with car, I have a nice home to meet in. **Text only Box: 4139156**

CHRIS, 67, brunette, cuddly, WLTM caring, kind gentleman, for days out, meals out, walks etc and for just being together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420667**

KAREN, curvy brunette, 42yrs loves men of all ages and sizes but must make me laugh .I am married with open marriage. **Text only Box: 4020257**

LILY, genuine lady looking for a genuine man. I like cosy nights in and am a smoker. **Text only mailbox no: 5372466**

TRISH, 44, tall slim young/good looking GSOH, professional, solvent, OHAC, affectionate and loves TLC, WLTM male who also likes to be in a loving relationship, 39-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420601**

SAMANTHA pretty brunette, very busty 36, intelligent, independent with a real lust for life, seeks big-hearted stocky male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420599**

MADDIE extremely passionate female 37, seeks reliable male to enjoy the finer things in life and tactile relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420563**

CHRIS, 40, attractive slim sophisticated redhead, seeking male 30-50's to relax with and get to know. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420491**

SALLY, 46, slim attractive feisty redhead, intelligent, easygoing, WLTM similar male for friendship and more, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420475**

LOUISE, 47, youthful looking female looking for spontaneous male to put some love and lust back into life. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420445**

ALEXA 49 - slim, attractive, long-haired music loving female, with many interests including dining out, the arts, photography WLTM similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5345662**

YVONNE, single mum, happy with life, but would like to meet someone to share fun times with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420269**

CHLOE pretty single female 36yrs, dark hair/eyes, slim build, very lonely and looking for reliable discreet male for mutual companionship maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420359**

JULIE, 47, blonde brown eyes, size 12, varied interests, loves cuddling, kissing and showing affection, seeks similar energetic male friend for TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420357**

ANN,38, very attractive female, N/S, positive attitude to life, WLTM similar kind male with a lot of get up and go for romance and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420355**

JACKIE lonely and looking for male company, 48-65. Need a bit of love and affection? Then I'm your girl. call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418169**

SARAH, curvaceous brunette, 35, passionate nature, solvent, OHAC, WLTM date again, looking for male to take me out. Looks/Age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420207**

LYN, 43, divorced very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTM similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418795**

JANE, 47, voluptuous female, long hair, brown eyes, generous curves, would love to spend cosy nights in with that special male. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417985**

SUSANNAH, 48, curvy female, romantic, warm and cuddly, seeks similar kind male for a loving relationship with lots of cuddles and kisses. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417341**

KELLY young attractive vivacious 48yr old lady, loves good food, cosy nights in/out, holidays etc, WLTM male for mutual companionship **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420195**

CATHY, 42, good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420175**

TARA 22 tall slim but curvy with legs that go all the way up to heaven, WLTM very appreciative confident male for adult fun. Contact me anytime. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414701**

FEMALE, dark haired 5'10, curvy, likes reading, walking, cinema, seeks male 40-50 for lasting relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5077545**

PROFESSIONAL black female age 52, enjoys evenings and days out, would like to meet similar Midlands male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5315901**

CATHY, 42, good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420073**

FEMALE fun brunette, attractive, 26, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416287**

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

MAGGIE, 72 yrs young, good sense of humour, well presented, WLTM kind, sincere chappie to share coffee and a chat. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5310040**

LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun times with older male for romantic nights in and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420043**

39 yr old independent single Mom, knows the benefit of having a good man in the picture. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5084796**

FRANCES, 45, busty female, loves nights in/out, seeking uncomplicated male who can occupy my free time for quality companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420003**

FEMALE, seeks fun loving male who likes a drink and a laugh, to enjoy erotic experiences with a curvy brunette. Discretion guaranteed. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5079311**

MARY, pretty, friendly, lots of fun, lives in Kidderminster, loves the theatre, opera, ballet, WLTM a lovely, charming, funny, genuine guy, 30s, to settle down with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419883**

LOU, 45, lives in Shrewsbury, WLTM a lady between 42-49 with blue eyes, must be kind, caring and funny to mend my broken heart, someone who likes to curl up on the sofa for cozy nights in. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419855**

FREYA 24yr old single mum, looking for male for free time frolics, call me if you're interested, it could be fun! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419851**

LISA 38 slim attractive blonde, looking for a man who will appreciate a feminine, fashionable, fun, romantic sensual woman with a mind of her own. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419839**

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, sensual, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419821**

PAT 66, attractive, N/S, likes reading, nights out, seeks gent for friendship, days out and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418277**

68YR old widow, attractive, seeks sincere, N/S male, likes reading, meals out and walks. West Midlands. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414773**

JULIA 47, looking for genuine, reasonably attractive male friend, may to lead to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419695**

HEATHER, well travelled solvent brunette looking to share a large glass of wine and whatever follows with affectionate man friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419031**

LADY Penelope seeks her very own Parker (47-58) to go on a voyage of discovery and romance. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4550237**

BLACK lady seeks white male over 60, any location, for friendship and hopefully a lot more. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4256384**

CHARLENE, 24, petite curvy young blonde seeks similar cheeky, fun loving guy for lots of fun and loving. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419597**

JOANNA, 36, petite, auburn haired female, lovely figure seeks loving older male for fun nights out and cosy nights in. Maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419595**

SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and passionate, WLTM male 45-65yrs for fun meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419579**

MARIE, 43, fun blue-eyed brunette, fit and active, seeks similar male to have a laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419417**

KAREN 50, widow, likes swimming, horse riding, keep fit, clay pigeon shooting, GSOH, N/S, non drinker, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415211**

CURVY, farm girl at heart, 32, 5ft 10, single mum, caring, kind, shy, likes walks, cooking WLTM tactile male farmer for LTR. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5067001**

FEMALE medium build, blonde hair, 5ft 5ins, seeks male, 50-58, GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415429**

WIDOW 50, blonde hair, GSOH, 5ft 5ins, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415767**

MARIE, 43, fun blue-eyed brunette, fit and active, seeks similar male to have a laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419417**

FEMALE 50's, 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks gent with GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415871**

BLUE eyed female, blonde hair, slim, GSOH, loving, caring, understanding, seeking similar male, 55-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416989**

AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418117**

CAROL Ann, sensitive slim brunette very romantic seeks tall handsome male for fun, friendship and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419385**

KIRSTEN, 36, attractive, blonde and very bored, seeking open-minded decent male for fun/friendship, 40-60yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419383**

VAL 41, pretty, cuddly, flirty, seeks similar fun loving male for an uncomplicated no strings relationship. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416601**

MID naughty forties female looking fun, thrills and discreet meets, give me a call, you wont be disappointed. Any age with own accommodation. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409109**

DIVORCED female, attractive, sensual by nature, OHAC, bored with own company, looking to make life a little more exciting with likeminded man. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419219**

LINDA, 47, brown-eyed blonde, caring, loving and honest, many interests, seeks genuine male to share lonely evenings with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417211**

JOYCE, affectionate sensitive widow, bit of a romantic, seeks loving male for lots of TLC. Looks unimportant, it's what's in the heart that matters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419143**

DEBBIE, 29, looking for mature professional fun guy, 40-50 to spend good times with. Call me, you have nothing to lose. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419075**

JULES, sensitive tactile, curvy brunette, hopeless romantic, seeks tall, loving male for fun, friendship and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419033**

VIRGINIA, outgoing social female, 24, tall slim and attractive, looking for fun times, maybe more. Can accommodate/travel. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418845**

PAULINE, 49yrs, very attractive, curvy divorcee, affectionate and fun, seeks laid back, sincere male for an uncomplicated, loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418925**

LADY young at heart, nice eyes, seeks man 42-52 with good sense of humour. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4881572**

VIRGINIA, outgoing social female, 24, tall slim and attractive, looking for fun times, maybe more. Can accommodate/travel. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418845**

LOOKING for the right chemistry with country loving gent who like me is looking for some extra fun in their life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418843**

JAN 35yr old blue eyed blonde, outgoing, friendly, WLTM passionate guy to share good wine, good conversation, flirting and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418609**

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, widow, 50's, likes walks, sight seeing, theatre, meals out, seeks genuine, professional gent, 5ft 9ins plus to make life more enjoyable. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418615**

JAN 35yr old blue eyed blonde, outgoing, friendly, WLTM passionate guy to share good wine, good conversation, flirting and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418609**

SENSUAL tactile, attractive female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, loves travel, wining/dining, WLTM genuine male for mutual companionship. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418587**

BROKEN hearted lady 39 seeks loving male to mend heart age 39/40. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4869116**

KAY, very young 45, fit and active, no ties, seeks similar young at heart, fun male for fun meets. Age/Status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418577**

VIVACIOUS strawberry blonde who knows just what she wants, looking for caring male for spontaneous fun relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418445**

Single Men

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

WAYNE, 40, cheeky, good career, likes gym. Looking for a lady who likes stimulating conversation and times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419829**

DARREN, 44, slim build, dark brown hair, green eyes, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418809**

WALSALL male looking for lady for no strings adult fun on a regular basis, within 10 miles of Walsall is preferred but not essential, age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420873**

STEVE 58 yrs, 6ft, average build, seeking woman for NSA mutual pleasure, marital status unimportant. **Text only to mailbox: 54007 01YOUNG** at heart lonely 55yr old male, 5ft 10, medium build, n/s, GSOH, loyal, looking for a female for adult fun time, possible LTR. **Text only to mailbox: 5321154**

STEVEN, 39, caring and clean, looking for female for fun, laughter and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420861**

MALE, 46, slim, WLTM a lady to settle me down, if that's you please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420853**

62yr old professional male seeks female 55-70, curvy and feminine, for fun, laughter and relationship. **Text only to mailbox: 4435871**

TREVOR 45, likes cinema, going out, some quiet nights in and looking for someone with similar interests. **Text only to mailbox: 5392042**

COLIN 48, loving, kind, seeks loving kind caring cuddly lady 48 to 54 for LTR, love and romance. **Text only to mailbox: 5308886**

MALE 51, seeks lady to spoil and pamper. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 313191**

MARK, 44, very interesting person, own business, sporty, honest and genuine, likes nights out, meals out, cinema, country walks, WLTM a lady for friendship and good company leading to a permanent relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420841**

MALE 55, stocky, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407741**

MALE 57, seeking female, any age/looks for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416779**

TOBY, looking for a responsible lady, 30-50, sensible with money, loving, passionate, romantic, single mum of one welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420813**

MALE 45yrs old, self-employed motor trader/mechanic, medium build, green eyes, average looks. I am a nice genuine and honest person looking for similar lady to share a honest permanent relationship and happy times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418709**

MALE, 59, 5ft2, average build, seeks genuine, caring, lady, 55-65. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420721**

JOSEPH attractive Asian male, seeking attractive, genuine female, 38-50 for friendship and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410267**

HANDSOME, attractive, fit, Indian, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 219790**

ATTRACTIVE male 56 seeks dom female 40 to 70 for close adult fun, any status or size. **Text only to mailbox: 4347071**

MATURE male, 6ft, slim, fit, clean and smart, residing in central Birmingham, seeks slimish female for fun times. **Text only to mailbox: 5383053**

MAN 55yrs, 6ft med build, single, looking for a special lady to share no strings fun and good times Age/status unimportant. **Text only to mailbox: 5381487**

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

KALU 26 years old single dark/black good looking man looking for a good-looking women for sexy fun. **Text only to mailbox: 5383533**

ATTRACTIVE British Indian male, 38, seeks slim, attractive, caring female for friendship, hopefully LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 227154**

ASIAN male, 38, good looking, fit, loving, caring, GSOH, WLTM Asian female, 40-55 for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 235383**

SEXY Indian male, 40, dark hair/eyes, fit, seeks fit, sporty, sexy, romantic female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 301791**

HANDSOME Indian male, 41, tactile, romantic, likes meals out, days out, walks, nights in, seeks sensitive, intelligent Indian female, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 322561**

FIT, handsome, Indian male, 40, GSOH, seeks Asian lady, 33-43 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 365160**

ATTRACTIVE professional, Asian male, 43, kind, caring, likes travel, romance, dining, seeks attractive lady, 35-50 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 370823**

MARK 40, 5ft 9ins, brown hair/eyes, attractive, good looking, OHAC/business, likes walks, day trips, cinema, seeks similar female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 348239**

SLIM attractive man WLTM caring lady, 40-58, for friendship, reply and claim free hug. **Text only mailbox no: 4172082**

BLACK male early 40's, slim, looking for casual adult weekend fun with broadminded, easy going discreet female. **Text only mailbox no: 4656899**

CHRIS, male, 47, single, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, brown hair, seeks female between 25 and 45 for fun and maybe more. Please get in touch. **Text only mailbox no: 5352046**

COLIN 48, kind, caring, loving, seeks kind, caring, loving, cuddly large lady, 40 to 55 for LTR **Text only mailbox no: 5308886**

45 year old male WLTM lady friend 35 to 55 who likes to enjoy life. **Text only mailbox no: 4215562**

MALE, five foot ten, stocky build, hazel eyes, just had heart broken, WLTM 40+ female for rendezvous and romantic nights in. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420543**

HANDSOME guy, 49, seeks attractive, younger female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 316752**

MALE, 44, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, enjoys outdoors, mountain biking, walking, countryside, cinema, days out, seeks genuine, loving female, 29-37, for romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420645**

MALE, tall, slim, health professional, honest, easy going, seeks soulmate 45-60 for happy times and maybe romance. Derby area. **Text only to mailbox no: 5356854**

JOHN, 68, six foot three, salt and pepper hair, n/s, divorced, own business, WLTM a long-term partner to travel and enjoy the good things in life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420433**

HAPPY man 59 looking for a lady to share the good times. I enjoy cinema, eating out, pubs and holidays in hot places. **Text only to mailbox no: 4618385**

LONELY and broken male seeks female to show me what love is. **Text only to mailbox no: 5345658**

VERY useful, attractive 58 yr old, GSOH, six foot tall, nice build, n/s, genuine, tactile, fit and sporty, looking for a women for nights in and out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420135**

COLIN 61, lorry driver, 5'10", blue eyes, kind hearted, romantic, hobbies include growing fuchsia's for showing and I have a vintage tractor that I play with from time to time. Looking for similar who's up for a lot of fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418463**

TALL dark, good looking male, 53, seeks attractive female for daytime fun and exciting times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393380**

ATTRACTIVE male, 54, seeks attractive female for daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407915**

TALL, dark, slim, attractive guy, 48, seeks attractive female for no strings fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 299904**

ATTRACTIVE male, late 40's, seeks attractive female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 311713**

TALL, dark, attractive guy 50, seeks attractive, tactile female for fun, excitement and lots of attention. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 314219**

SHROPSHIRE male, 50, tall, dark, attractive, fun loving, seeks attractive female for fun and excitement. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 341387**

Gay Singles

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

BI curious male, slim, fit, looking for weekdays fun, looking for someone to show me the ropes, 45 to 65. **Text only mailbox no: 5378837**

DIVORCED male, young 50, own home/business, seeking Asian or East European male 18-25, I'm a generous guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420537**

MIKE bi male, divorced, own home/business, young 51, seeks male, 19-50, any nationality for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 375957**

BI male, young 50, divorced, own home/business, seeks male, 18-45 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384775**

SINGLE gay man early 60s WLTM gay/big/CD male late 20s to early 40s for good times and friendship. Gloucestershire. **Text only to mailbox no: 4667184**

MATURE gent, GSOH, sincere, many interests, WLTM a younger male, 20-40, for friendship, can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420457**

Just Friends

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

LUKE 60's, seeking young Asian friend, 20-30's to socialise with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414841**

MODERN young at heart lonely lady, 70's, likes trips out, holidays, seeking similar lady for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410215**

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Call 0207 720 7130 Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm or email us at support@jmediauk.co.uk

CALL CHARGES*: DATING 18+ and have the bill payer's permission. 0844 calls cost 7 pence per min, 090 calls cost £1.55 per min, plus your phone company's access charge. Calls are recorded and may appear on your bill. TEXT*: Text alerts are charged at £1.50 per week. To unsubscribe to text alerts, text DATING STOP to 63333. To cancel free match alerts, text STOP to 07781474042. For full T&Cs go to www.localdates-terms.co.uk/. REPLY BY TEXT*: 80098/89990 costs £1.50 per SMS received (max 150 characters). Guaranteed up to 4 messages for each message you send, Service only available where phone icon shown. Messages are moderated. Minimum 7 messages must be sent before contact details can be exchanged. This service is not computer generated. All messages are responded to by real service users. No meetings can be guaranteed. If arranging a meeting be sure to choose a public space and do not give personal details to people you have not met. To STOP text stop to 80098/89990. Service provided by No Goats Ltd. Help: 0207 720 7130. ALL SERVICES*: By texting any shortcode you consent to the owner of that shortcode sending you the occasional marketing message. To opt out of receiving these send NO INFO to 80098. DATA PROTECTION: Service provided by JMedia UK Ltd, SW4 7BX, 0207 720 7130. We will collect the details you provide and may send you details of other services and events operated by us. We may pass your details onto this newspaper for marketing or PhonePayPlus for regulatory purposes. Advertisers may come from our national database and from our pdc app. w/c 08/02/16

Brandhall pass up on chance to close gap

BRANDHALL were unable to capitalise on Norton Social A's lack of action in the Stourbridge Snooker League Premier Division.

With the leaders not playing, challengers Brandhall had the chance to close the gap, but were defeated 4-1 at Amblecote Inst A.

Hotshots SC A kept their challenge alive with a 4-1 win at Moor Pool & Snooker A. Hotshots' B, last season's First Division champions, lost 4-1 to Pockets SC A.

Kinver Const B played two matches in division one. The first, originally postponed after a power cut, saw them win 4-1 away to Moor Pool & Snooker C then, after falling 2-0 behind, they came back to beat their own C team.

Closest rivals Kingswinford Cons B slipped up 3-2 at Wombourne. The Cons' A team lost 4-1 to Amblecote Inst B.

Moor Pool & Snooker B's challenge faltered as they went down 3-2 to Kinver A, while Norton Social B went down 4-1 to Moor P & S's C team. Stourbridge Inst A took bragging rights, beating their own B team 3-2.

Stourbridge Old Edwardians have a seven-point lead at the top of division two following a 3-2 win at rivals Amblecote RBL A.

Premier Division: Moor Pool & Snooker A 1 Hotshots SC A 4; Amblecote Inst A 4 Brandhall Labour 1; Hotshots SC B 1 Pockets SC A 4; Pockets SC B 3 Baggeridge Social 2;

First division: Moor Pool & Snooker B 2 Kinver Const A 3; Kinver Const B 3 Kinver Const C 2; Stourbridge Inst A 3 Stourbridge Inst B 2; Norton Social B 3 Moor Pool & Snooker C 2; Wombourne 3 Kingswinford Cons B 2; Kingswinford Cons A 1 Amblecote Inst B 4; Moor Pool & Snooker C 1 Kinver Const B 4;

Second division: Kingswinford SC 1 Amblecote RBL B 4; Amblecote Inst C 5 Stourbridge Inst D 0; Kingswinford Cons D 2 Kingswinford Cons C 3; Amblecote RBL A 2 S/b Old Edwardians 3; Kinver Const D 3 Amblecote Institute D 2

Gordon plays weighting game

West Bromwich fighter Matt Gordon

WEST Bromwich's Matt Gordon is dealing with an unfamiliar weight problem for professional boxers coming up to fight night – he's struggling to put enough of it on!

Gordon, aged 31, undertakes his third outing in the heavyweight division at Walsall Town Hall next Friday. But having gone past his desired target, Gordon now plans to pile on the weight by piling high his plate before gobbling up a hat-trick of paid victories.

Extensive work with his fitness coach Mark Richards and former pro footballer Justin Richards, now playing at part-timers Stourbridge, have paid off more than ever.

Former Mixed Martial Arts fighter Lukas Horak will have to match his hunger.

Gordon said: "I like to be around 16-and-a-half stone to fight, but I've been coming in just above 16st in my fights so far. I've been losing weight because I've upped the training, so I've had to up the calories, too." Top of the bill will see Halesowen's Lennox Clarke, 24, get back into title contention against Richard Horton.

The 'Undefeated' bill, promoted by Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing and Hatton, has eight unbeaten fighters on the card.

Hatton will lead Wednesbury's Sam Evans, Pauly Upton, Reuben Arrowsmith and Nathan Gorman into battle. Gordon's Sandwell cohort Manny Zaber, from Old Hill, tackles Liam Richards. Stoke's Kieron McLaren completes the card at welterweight.

Chess club beats rivals to reach cup final

STOURBRIDGE are into the Humphreys Cup final after a 2½-1½ win at home to Halesowen. The competition is for players graded under 130.

SCC were outgraded on every board, but not by much.

First to finish was Colin Woodall with a draw by repetition. Then the Halesowen board one blundered and immediately resigned giving the win to Jeremy Humphries. This meant only a draw was needed from one of the remaining two boards. In the end both games were drawn.

The Birmingham league division 3 team are in a very tight relegation battle along with five others. They faced Redditch and drew the match.

Stourbridge's four remaining matches are against other relegation candidates so there is still a good chance they will stay up.

Wednesday night was busy in the Birmingham league with Stourbridge's division 1 and 4 teams both playing and fighting relegation. The division one team self-destructed against title chasing Sutton Coldfield. Only the top 2 boards Keith Arkell and Sabrina Chevannes managed to draw and the remaining four players all lost.

The division 4 team's relegation fight looked even more difficult having scored just one point in eight matches and being three points adrift of safety with three matches remaining. Surprisingly, they got their first win of the season, beating Redditch 4-2, which keeps Stourbridge's hopes alive.

Stourbridge's four youngsters lost at Warley Quinbourne inWolverhampton division 4 but Dan Arkell continued his good form.

Belt up – four titles on line in Sam bout

FOUR belts could be on the line when Stourbridge's Sam Eggington takes top billing against Bradley Skeete in Birmingham next month.

It was announced in mid-January that Eggington will take on Skeete in the headliner at the Genting Arena on Saturday March 5, **writes Craig Birch**.

'The Savage' defends his British and Commonwealth welterweight titles against his mandatory challenger, on a Matchroom Boxing show live on Sky Sports.

And Eggington's WBC International Silver belt, along with Skeete's WBO European crown, could also be put up-for-grabs.

The contest will cross the promoters' divide, as Londoner Skeete, managed by Frank Warren, competes on a Matchroom show after Eddie Hearn won the purse bids.

It will now also be put to the British Boxing Board of Control that the WBC and WBO straps be involved in the bout, which was actually called for by Warren's representative Andy Ayling.

Eggington is aware the prospect of a Lonsdale belt fight against Frankie Gavin later in the year is also being risked. The 21-year-old said: "Bradley's not daft, he's a hard opponent, but I can't see him lasting the distance with me.

Mandatory

"He'll have to work hard for everything he gets against me. If I do what I need to, I will come out with the win and that will be my mandatory out of the way. After that, I want to go and win the belt outright."

Skeete's only pro defeat came at the hands of Gavin in November 2014, when both were under the Warren banner.

He said: "These are the fights I want to be in, at these big arenas headlining. I've come up short before, but I won't this time."

Essington's Ben Wilkes will undertake his step up elsewhere on the card and is the underdog against the all-action Cello Renda, in an eliminator for the English middleweight title.

Wilkes has nine wins from 10 from what has been a stop-start pro career since turning pro in 2009, and he's adamant he's got the skills to upset the form book. He said: "It's a big opportunity for me and he's going to get a shock."

Sam Eggington and challenger Bradley Skeete face up to their challenge in Birmingham

The 29-year-old spent nearly five years out of the ring after a third round TKO defeat to Janis Cernauskis.

Another major domestic title fight and two clashes for Midlands belts also appear, with both Yafai brothers in action. British champion Kal will tackle Moises Flores in an official 12-round eliminator for Kohei Kono's WBA super flyweight title. Younger sibling Gamal goes after his first domestic crown, challenging for Bobby Jenkinson's newly-won Commonwealth super bantamweight strap. A Battle of Birmingham will come at lightweight, as Michael Rooney and Marcus Ffrench meet for the vacant strap, while new Midlands titlist Karl Wiggins defends at welter for the first time against Derby's Ryan Fields.

Tickets are priced at £40, £60 and £100 from www.theticketfactory.com. VIP upgrades, at £150, can be bought exclusively at www.matchroomboxing.com

Still chance to net tickets for Davis Cup tie

BIRMINGHAM'S Barclaycard Arena is finalising last minute plans for the so-called World Cup of Tennis, the Davis Cup.

The GB team will be returning to start the defence of the title against Japan in the World Group first round, from March 4-6.

This will be the first meeting between Great Britain and Japan since 1931.

Phil Mead, managing director of the Barclaycard Arena said: "It is with great pleasure we welcome Leon Smith and his side to the Barclaycard Arena.

"Our events and sales teams are working closely alongside The International Tennis Federation to deliver an exceptional opening round."

Tickets can still be bought at www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

Unwelcome Guest denies Tivi a victory

Goole AFC 2 Tividale FC2

TIVIDALE, having lost two experienced players in midweek, returned from the long trip to Goole with a share of the spoils – after conceding a last-gasp equaliser.

Defender Sam Brooks and forward Mark Danks left for Sutton Coldfield and Romulus respectively. Tivi were also without suspended full back Lewis Wright, but came up with a dogged performance and were seconds away from winning.

Against the run of play Tividale took the lead on 18 minutes through Demetri Brown.

The home side equalised on 22 through Aaron Moxam, but with seven minutes to go Tividale regained the lead through Chris Sterling. Deep into added time Goole snatched a point as Nick Guest levelled.

Buy and sell with ClassifiedAds

ClassifiedAds
BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

1 Visit our ClassifiedAds website
www.classifiedads.expressandstar.co.uk

2 Call our Classified sales team
on 01902 317 878

3 Self Serve - Create your own advert
in print and online - visit:
bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

Brought to you by Express & Star

Sport

Check this out – chess club in final
Page 43

Belting up with titles on line
Page 43

Lions tamed as Old Hales stay in hunt

Old Hales 13 Peterborough Lions 5

HALES kept in touch for the play-offs after defeating their opponents from Peterborough in a rearranged fixture.

A pitch inspection by both sides and the referee was touch and go but the first team pitch was deemed playable.

Hales had driving wind and rain at their backs in the first half and soon took advantage, going 7-0 up thanks to a penalty try, converted by full-back Chris Hooper.

The terrible weather conditions didn't help handling, but both sides should be congratulated for running the ball on many occasions. A Hooper penalty stretched Hales lead to half-time.

The half time break gave some respite with changed shirts for the home team. The rain continued as the crowd bundled together in the stand to share some protection.

Second row Loz Breese had to leave the field with a neck injury and was replaced by Owen Jones. He was then injured, shifting Ben Barkley into the pack and Jamie Keen coming into the backs with no replacements left.

The visitors seemed destined to score but could not overpower the Hales defence, until with two minutes they scored a well-worked try, unconverted.

However, more pressure in the dying minute saw the visitors penalised in front of the posts 30 metres out. Hooper converted for the final score with Hales coming out as worthy winners.

Director of rugby Gary Cox said: "This was never going to be a classic open running game in these conditions.

"The lads in defence were excellent to a man and have kept us in the hunt for the play-offs."

Old Hales travel to Sutton Coldfield on Saturday for a league fixture. Kick off 2.15pm.

Glassboys aiming to make last last eight of FA Trophy

STOURBRIDGE were this week aiming to make the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy. They were due to face Nantwich Town on Tuesday night in a rearranged fixture after Saturday's original tie was called off.

The teams in opposition are the competition's lowest-ranked sides. In the last eight, the winners will face Dover Athletic – who Stourbridge beat in the first round of the FA Cup in November – or Guiseley. They were replaying on Tuesday.

Glassboys boss Gary Hackett said his side was refusing to get carried away but admitted it was nice to be in the draw despite the weekend game being off.

He said: "We will have pretty much the same squad and same set up we had for Saturday before it was called off. Realistically we've just got to take each game as it comes but we're in the last 16 now and we know at least one team from our league will be the quarter-finals.

"The cup run has created a lot of interest. When you're in the FA Cup or FA Trophy at this stage of the season it can never be seen as a distraction."

Golf captain in fundraising drive

Bob Grindley, green jacket, with club members

Golf

STOURBRIDGE Golf Club's newly-appointed captain has pledged to take a swing at fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital charity to say thank you to the hospital's cardiac unit.

Bob Grindley, the club's Gentleman Captain, has selected Birmingham Children's Hospital as the club's charity of the year after both his children received life-saving heart surgery at the hospital. For the next two years, Bob and the club will raise as much as they can.

The 62-year-old father-of-two, whose children are now grown-up and enjoying full and active lives, said: "My wife Berni and I are extremely grateful for everything the hospital has done for our family."

Daughter Donna, now 31, was the first to be admitted at four-years old. She was born with a hole in her heart and required an operation. At 16, an unusual sound in son Russell's heartbeat was identified as a leaking aortic valve. He is now 33.

Nancy Lillington, regional fundraiser at Birmingham Children's Hospital charity, said: "The money Bob hopes to raise over the next two years will make a huge difference."

STOUR'S POOR RUN CONTINUES

Broadstreet 19 Stourbridge 12

IN a game played in a howling gale Stour were unable to shake off their poor run of form and slumped to their third successive defeat.

By dint of a losing bonus point and having played all their scheduled matches they ironically found themselves moving up to second place in the National 2N table, but are only a point ahead of others who now face a congested late-season campaign with as many as four games to reschedule.

Playing into the elements Stour received the kick off and immediately shipped a three-point deficit, Broadstreet outside half Lee Chapman bisecting the uprights when Stour failed to clear out the tackle area and were penalised.

Only 11 minutes in though, Stour took the lead with a Joe Carpenter try converted by full-back Tom Mitchell.

The restart kick was fumbled though, a penalty award for offside followed and Chapman's boot landed another three points.

Deficit

Then, when Broadstreet worked their way downfield, the lead changed hands courtesy of Chapman's boot when Stour were penalised.

It appeared Stour had weathered the storm with just a two-point deficit and the wind advantage to come, but Broadstreet tore back from the restart. A maul was driven into the Stour half and the ball worked right where some flimsy defending shipped a try to full-back Andrew Murray.

Both sides started to struggle to hold on to the ball for any protracted period of play, but Stour's steady concession of penalties eventually conceded a line-out just five metres from their line. Broadstreet reduced the numbers in the line, Stour failed to readjust quickly and conceded a soft try when the throw found no.8 Jack Gibbons who breezed through the undefended tail.

Stour's pack dug deep and forced a penalty from Broadstreet's scrum, a quick tap and a set of drives seeing second row Robbie Hurrell crash over with five minutes to go.

On Saturday, Stourbridge host National 2N basement side Huddersfield, 3pm ko.

Stourbridge's Nigel Mukarati takes the ball into contact at Broadstreet

Get in the swim with club event

BLACK Country Triathletes are holding an aquathlon next month for those wishing to have a go at swimming and running in one event.

It is open to all abilities and takes place on March 12.

The adult event is new in the race series for this year and involves a 400m swim in Wombourne Leisure Centre pool before a 5k run along the Wombourne railway walk and back.

Various distances apply to the junior races but all involve a pool swim, 50m for eight-year-olds up to 400m for 15 & 16 year olds, and a fully supervised run either on the playing fields or along the railway walk and back.

Run distances are between 600m and 4000m depending on age.

Registration opens at noon with the adult race starting at 1.30pm followed by the junior races from 2.30pm.

Full details can be found at www.blackcountrytiathletes.com and online entry is via www.entrycentral.com. Entries must be received by March 5.

Inexperience shows for lower order

Oldswinford (114-5) beat Enville B (68-3) by 46 runs

ENVILLE 'B' elected to bowl against a young Oldswinford side.

Harry Stanier opened the innings with Owen Williams and started well against an inexperienced Enville bowling attack, captain Stanier especially scoring freely and retiring within the first three overs.

Enville took their first wicket at 66 with Jono Howells stumping Dan Friel off Nick Hinsley. Oldswinford maintained the run rate while trying to get their captain back to the crease. On his return he continued his good form being run out for 39 in the last over.

Howells (25 no) and Hinsley set about Enville's reply in positive fashion until the latter was brilliantly caught one-handed by Mark Watts, who repeated the feat the very next ball taking the wicket of Tom Davies. After Howells had retired, the inexperience of the lower order began to show as they struggled to score runs and failed to get Howells back to the crease.

Pedmore (112-2) beat Swindon (95-4) by 17 runs

PEDMORE elected to bat and openers Dave Skelding and Matt Porter (25 no) looked to continue their free-scoring form.

They started well but lost Skelding run out for 10 in the fourth over. Old head James Burgoyne joined Porter and took up the mantle, out-scored him and retired on 28. Porter soon followed, the remaining batsman all contributed cameo innings.

In reply, Swindon lost both openers in three overs with a total at 17-2. Lee Passmore and Matt Fisher set about trying to chase down the Pedmore score but on their retirements the run rate fell and when later reunited at the crease, the task proved too much.

Benefit dinner for Pears club skipper

COMPANIES are raising their profile at a gala dinner in aid of a benefit year awarded to Worcestershire County Cricket Club captain Daryl Mitchell.

Craddock's Brewery, Stourbridge, are among the sponsors for the dinner, at the county's New Road headquarters on February 26. It marks the start of a year-long programme of events dedicated to 'Mitch's Benefit 2016'.

Guest speaker, Ashes-winning hero and former Worcestershire player, Simon Jones will officially launch the benefit season. The evening is hosted by BBC Hereford and Worcester's David Bradley.

★★★

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford.
Thursday, February 11, 2016

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING
The recycled content of newspapers in 2014 was 78.5%

Domino's
Stourbridge Industrial Estate, Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge DY8 1JN
01384 374666
Opening Hours: Sun-Thurs 11.30 am-11 pm, Fri-Sat 11.30 am-12 midnight
Not valid with any other offer. Expiry date:10/04/2016

the COLLECTION special
50% OFF ALL PIZZAS
COLLECTION ONLY
Discount applies to regular menu price
Premium crust and base charged as extra

the ONLINE sepcial
£10 OFF
WHEN YOU SPEND £30 OR MORE ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CO.UK
CODE: TENDSKTH
Discount applies on regular menu price
Excludes ice cream and 14/21 chicken portions

the SAVER deal
ANY CLASSIC CRUST PIZZA + 1 SUMPTUOUS SIDE + 1 ANY SIDE
SMALL £13.99 MEDIUM £16.99 LARGE £18.99
Pizza from the menu or create your own
Up to 4 toppings. Premium bases and crusts charged as extra
Any side excludes 14/21 chicken, combos and chick'n' mix box

the SECOND PIZZA deal
BUY ONE PIZZA GET A 2ND For £5
First pizza at regular menu price
Second pizza of equal or lesser value
Premium bases and crusts charged as extra

the WEEKDAY special
ANY CLASSIC CRUST PIZZA + GARLIC PIZZA BREAD + COLESLAW
Medium £12.99 Large £14.99
Monday - Thursday only
Pizza from the menu or create your own up to 4 toppings.
Premium bases and crusts charged as extra

the FAMILY feast
ANY 2 PIZZAS + GARLIC PIZZA BREAD + POTATO WEDGES + BOTTLE OF DRINK
Medium £22.99 Large £25.99
Pizza from the menu or create your own up to 4 toppings
Premium bases and crusts charged as extra